FIRST
MATE

The Crew

\\A/N before we start... i just wanna say thanks to silverwingsdragon for giving me the idea for the plot and bitterestlemonboy for beta reading it. also, i feel nervous about writing this, i hope i do well as i haven't written a story in awhile, so uh- enjoy!//

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keep...like treasure! Or something else! That seems like something fun to do." I told him. "Huh, sounds like a pirate." Coiny joked. I laughed, but then thought about it. Being a pirate actually doesn't sound that bad. It sounds pretty fun, actually. "Oh my pin factory, Coiny! That's a good idea!" I turned towards him excitedly. "It is..?" Coiny seemed pretty confused about what I meant. "I should be a pirate!"
Coiny just stared at me for a moment before laughing a little awkwardly. "You...do know I was joking, right?" He said. "Yes, I know, but think about it, Coiny! Traveling on the water, possibly meeting others, gathering treasure! Coiny, that's more than we ever get during BFDI!" I was sitting on my legs now, facing Coiny directly. He thought about it for a moment. "Hm.. That does sounds pretty fun, so count me in!" Coiny said. I was ecstatic that Coiny wanted to join me and my pirate adventure. "We should see if anyone else wants to join!" I said, standing. Coiny stood up too.
"Yeah, we should!"
"Come on, Coiny!"
I excitedly grabbed Coiny's hand and ran over to where most of the others were.

COINY'S POV

Pin dragged me over to where most of the other contestants were. I saw that Pin was about to shout something, probably to get their attention, but she hesitated. I think she was doubting herself again. I decided to shout for her. "HEY, EVERYONE! PIN HAS SOMETHING TO SAY!" I shouted pretty loud, I'm pretty sure I even startled Pin. After hearing me, everyone looked over at the both of us. Their faces were a mixture of annoyance and confusion. Pin just stood there looking back at everyone. I nudged Pin and she looked at me. I whispered, "C'mon, you can do it." Then, I smiled at her. She smiled back, took a deep breath and announced what she wanted to say. "Hi, i would like to know if... any of you want to be pirates with Coiny and I? Like, actual pirates. We're going to go on a pirate ship and go on an adventure around the sea." Everyone just sorta stared at her blankly. "There will be treasure..." She squeaked out. Still no reaction other than a few glances.

Pin was starting to get visibly nervous, until out of the crowd we

heard, "I want to go!" Leafy stepped up to us. "It sounds fun!" Leafy smiled. Pin gave a sigh of relief when she saw that at least one person wants to join. "Can I come too?" Firey asked and walked up to us. " I mean, I've already won BFDI before so who cares if I miss one season." Firey said. "True, thanks for joining." Pin said. "Yes! Firey, nice to have you in the crew, pal!" I said as we high five. "Well, I want to come too! You're my friends after all." Needle said and walked up. Pin looked delighted to have needle on the team. Snowball walked over to us. "we'll be able to fight with swords and stuff, right?" He asked Pin. Pin looked over at me, then back at Snowball. "Erm...maybe?" Pin answered with an awkward smile. "Eh, good enough for me, count me in." He stood next to us. Ruby walked over to us. "I feel like this will be pretty fun so i want to join! I hope we have swoooords! And find lots and lots of trasure!!" Ruby said. Flower pushed a few people out of the way to make it over to us. "well, Snowball and Ruby want to come so I will too!" Flower said. "Plus, I wanna be rich!" I noticed Pin glanced at me before looking back to Flower. "Oh. Er, nice to have you?" She says looking like she didn't really want Flower to join, but she didn't reject her.

We looked at everyone around to see if anyone else would join. Silence.
"anybody else want to join us?" Pin said, looking at everyone. Then, Gaty walked up to us and said, "No offense pin, but this pirate thing sounds kinda dumb." Gaty then walked off. I was about to yell at Gaty for calling Pin's plan dumb but then Liy said, "And anyway, we'll be competing in another season soon, we don't have time for that mumbo jumbo." Then followed Gaty. Most of the others agreed and followed her too. Pin looked a bit sad from the insults. Needle scoffed, "They'll be missing out, then." Leafy agreed, "Yeah, we'll be the ones having fun and not them!" Pin smiled a bit and I said, "They just don't know how great your plans are." Pin smiled and laughed a bit, feeling a lot better than before.

PIN'S POV

"Thanks guys." I said after they cheered me up. "Speaking of plans, we should start planning on what we will be bringing with us." Leafy told us. "Right, and we'll need a map too! All pirates have a map!" Firey spoke up. "Yeah, you're right." Coiny agreed. I looked at Firey

for a second before realizing. "Wait, Firey, what if you end up burning the ship down?" I said, a bit worried. "That's true, what are we going to do about that?" Needle said in the same worried tone. "Oh, I don't know what to do about that." Firey said. Leafy seemed to be thinking, probably of what to do with Firey, or maybe about what she'll bring with her on the trip. Suddenly she perked up. "What if we brought yoyle berries with us?" Leafy took out a yoyle berry that she had on her. "Firey can eat them and be metal so he can't burn down the ship!" Leafy suggested and handed Firey the berry. "Omg, that's so smart! Good idea, Leafy." Ruby said. "Yeah, what Ruby said!" I agreed, happy that we found a solution. "Wait, where are we even going to get a ship from?" Coiny asked. "Don't worry about that, I've got it handled!" I said confidently. "wait, Leafy, do you have any other yoyle berries on you?" Firey asked. "well, uh, no, that was the only one I had on me." Leafy chuckled nervously.

After a little planning, Coiny stood beside me as the others stood in front of us. "So, Pin and I will go get the yoyle berries while you guys get everything you need." Coiny confirmed, seeing as it was the final result of our ideas. "Seems reasonable." Flower agreed. "Okay, and Ruby, you're sure it's okay for Coiny and I to use the Freesmart Super Van?" I asked her. "yeah, sure! We never use it anymore anyway." Ruby replied with a shrug. "Kay, now let's go!" Coiny cheered as he walked over to the Freesmart Super Van and hopped into the passenger side. The others left to go get everything they need as I followed Coiny to the van and sat on the driver's side.

Yoyleland Bonding

PIN'S POV

I started the van and started to drive to Yoyleland. It was pretty quiet for awhile until Coiny spoke up. "So, what are you hoping happens when we start sailing?" He looked out the window.
"Well, uh, I'm not sure. I do hope we actually find good treasure!" I answered.
"Like treasure as in money, diamonds, and stuff? Or like treasure to remember the adventure you went through to get it?" He asked.
"Hm.. for the last part, do you mean like, we went on some great adventure, and we end up getting something... worn out or lame? For example.. maybe a scarf, but see it as treasure because of what we went through to get it?" I asked, making what he said seem like a way more complicated question than what it actually was.
Coiny laughed, "Yeah, Pin."
"Well, then, I'd have to go with both! Or either, I really don't mind." I said as we started to get closer to Yoyle City. "How about you?" I glanced over to him before looking back at the road.
"Me? Um," Coiny thought for a moment, "I hope that... hmmm.... I hope that we can fight something cool, like a giant monster! Oh! What if we come across a sea monster? I would beat the heck out of it!" Coiny started punching the air as if he was fighting something.

I laughed at Coiny's silliness. That's what I love about coiny, he's silly and fun to be around, he is also super thoughtful. That's why he's my best friend! "I wonder if we'll meet anyone during our pirate trip." Coiny said. "Oh, I hope so! It'd be nice to have new friends." I said. We finally made it to Yoyle City, now we're getting closer to the part of Yoyleland with the most and best yoyle berries. "Oh my mint, I forgot just how big Yoyle City is." Coiny said, looking at the scenery around us. "Yeah it's pretty big, I wonder what happened to it for it to become abandoned." I looked around while still keeping my eyes on the road. "Yeah, me too." Coiny stated.

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COINY'S POV

We've been driving for awhile, and I was having trouble thinking of topics to talk about. I decided to turn on the radio to fill in the silence, but what came on was some song that sounded like it was

made for teenage girls that played *REALLY* loud. It scared both me and Pin, causing her to swerve a little. "WOAH, WHAT IS THAT?!" Pin shouted trying to make her voice heard over the radio. I turned down the volume to a reasonable level where we can hear eachother. "I had no idea that it'd be that loud! What is even playing?" I asked. I looked at the name of the song that was playing on the van's screen. I laughed a little and said, "It's made by somebody called 'Naily Polish,' huh, sounds like something edgy teens would listen to." Pin looked at the screen then back at the road. "Oh, I've heard her songs before, yeah I'm pretty sure edgy teens are her main demographic, but a lot of people listen to her so it's not too hard to think that Freesmart would listen too." Pin explained.

We were starting to get close to where the yoyle berries grow. "I wonder if we'll encounter any other pirates when we go." I said.
" Yeah that'd be cool!"
"Maybe we would have to fight them!" I pretended that I had a sword and that I was swinging it at someone, resulting in Pin laughing. I love making Pin laugh. "What's with you and wanting to fight things?"

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PIN'S POV

Coiny was fidgeting around with stuff in the van to see if there was anything interesting, as I was guessing he was bored. "Oh, look," Coiny pulled sunglasses out from under the backseat and put them on. "I found sunglasses." I laughed when I looked at him because the sunglasses he was wearing were super stylish and nothing I'd expect coiny to wear, plus they really didn't fit him. "I'm going to go into the back to see if there's anything else." He took off his seatbelt and climbed into the back of the van. "Coiny, come back up here and buckle back up, I don't want you getting hurt, plus we shouldn't be messing with their stuff." I yelled. "Calm it, Pin, it'll be fine." Coiny said while messing through their stuff. I looked back at what he was doing. "Coiny, seriously, come back up here!" Coiny looked up at me, about to rebuttal, but then gasped and yelled, "PIN, STOP!" While pointing at the road in front of me. I turned back around and saw I was about to ram into a sign. I let out a yelp before slamming on the brakes. The van came to a stop, barely missing the sign. Coiny

screamed as he flew right into the seat in front of him.

"Oh my pin factory, Coiny are you okay?!" I parked the van where we were, unbuckled myself and climbed into the backseat. I grabbed Coiny and set him into the seat next to him. "Woof, yeah, I'm fine, it didn't hurt... buuuut I did break the glasses." Coiny held up the glasses that he had been wearing. "Coiny, I told you to come back to the front seat!" I punched him in the arm. "Ow!" He laughed and said, "Sorry pin, I'll listen next time." I laughed and said, "Well, we're here according to that sign I almost crashed into." I said gesturing towards the sign. He looked at it. "Well, it's about time, let's go!" He said as he jumped out of the van. I got out of the van with a basket to collect the yoyle berries in.

We walked up to a yoyle berry bush and picked a few of the berries and put them in the basket. "Oh! I just thought about this, what if when we go back into Yoyle City we pick up some supplies to use during our pirate trip?" Coiny said as he picked berries. "That's a good idea, Coiny, we should." I said, while also picking berries. He leaned against a bush, smugly. "Of course it's a good idea, I'm the one who thought of it!" I laughed as i put a berry that i picked in the basket. "Says the one who unbuckled, climbed into the back of the van, and face planted into one of the seats." I responded, my free hand placed on my side. "Alright, you got me there." I laughed at his response and we continued picking berries.

Pirate Shopping

PIN'S POV

Coiny and I were still picking berries. There were a lot and we probably needed a lot because we don't know how long we are going to be on this trip and if we run out of any other food we could always use the yoyle berries. "This basket is starting to get heavy." I complained. "I'll carry it for you!" Coiny grabbed the basket but his arms proved useless as it fell downwards. He grunted as the basket hit the ground, some berries falling out of it. "I didn't realize it was going to be THAT heavy." Coiny said, picking up the berries that fell out. I giggled and helped him pick them up. "It's fine, I can carry it." I set my berries in the basket and Coiny did the same. I picked up the basket again. "I probably should've brought more baskets." I said.

A lightbulb seemed to appear above Coiny's head. "Oh! When I was messing around in the back on the van, I saw some stuff that looks pretty good at carrying things!" He put the yoyle berries that he just picked in my basket and ran back to the Freesmart Super Van. I set the basket down and watched what he was doing.

COINY'S POV

I ran and opened the back of the van and looked through the stuff I was messing with before. I found two big cases that were carrying a ton of makeup. "Wh- They don't even wear- Whatever." I mumbled to myself. I proceeded to take out the makeup, and then went back over to pin. "I got more things to carry yoyle berries in!" I said, a proud smile on my face. Pin stared at the makeup cases then asked, "Did those have anything in it before you took them out?" She looked back up at me, a suspicious look in her eye. "Pffft, no," I lied, "They were empty when i found them." Pin seemed to shrug it off. She picked some yoyle berries and put them into the cases. I sighed in relief and proceeded to continue picking berries.

PIN'S POV

After we we filled all the baskets we put them in the back of the van. Which is when I saw a bunch of makeup on the floor of it. I gave a look to Coiny, whom was putting the last basket into the van. "What's with all this makeup? Does.. Freesmart wear makeup?" Coiny looked a bit nervous at my question. "Oh, I just knocked something over

when I got the containers so that's probably what it's from." He then rushed into the front of the van, sat in the front passenger seat, and buckled himself. I was confused at his urgency. But I just shrugged it off as him being his weird silly self and closed the back doors. Then, I walked up to the drivers seat and got in, buckling up.

I started the van and started to drive. " So, where are you hoping to go to get our supplies?" I asked Coiny. "Uh, I don't know a lot of the places here so let's just look for stores and hope for the best." Coiny replied. "Yeah, I don't know a lot of the places here either. I guess that'll work." I spoke, looking around at all the places we could stop. Coiny was looking around too. "OMM! That's perfect, Pin stop!" I did as he said. " You found a place?" He nodded, "Yeah, we just passed a costume shop, there's bound to be pirate stuff in there!" Coiny pointed at the costume shop just behind us. I thought it was perfect too, so I properly parked the van and we got out.

COINY'S POV

We walked in and looked around at all of the costumes. They were all worn out and dusty, this place was abandoned like the rest of the city so it made sense. "We should probably split up and look for the pirate stuff." Pin suggested. "Sure, that'll work." I agreed, so we split up. I looked around at all of the neat costumes. There were some neat monster costumes i wanted to try on. But I shouldn't goof off, I need to look for pirate stuff. I continued looking around in the back of the store, and finally found what we wanted. It was a jackpot of all pirate things. There were hats and hooks and swords, all of it! "Pin! I found it!" I shouted. I didn't get a response from her. "Pin?" I shouted again to see if she heard me. This was making me nervous, so I started to walk down one of the aisles to look for her. Suddenly, something pops up out of nowhere in front of me with a loud, "BOO!" Causing me to scream and fall backwards. the mysterious figure started to laugh and that's when I realize it was Pin in a ghost costume. "Pin! That wasn't fun-" But before I could even finish my sentence I started laughing. "Pin stop laughing, you're making me laugh!" I yell. It took her a minute to be able to speak because of how hard she was laughing. "I-I'm sorry, it was just so funny!" She took off her costume and laughed some more, basically rolling in the floor in tears. I rolled my eyes with a grin, then stood up. "Well, I found some pirate stuff

over here." I walk over to it, Pin slowly following me, wiping a tear away now that she was done with her laughing fit.

"Look at these hooks!" I say as I place one on my hand. It has a little handle inside to hold onto, that way it doesn't fall off. "Wow, this stuff looks like it's in such good condition despite being in an old rundown store." Pin said, looking through the items. "Yeah, I know, I thought the same thing! The swords and hooks seem to be real too, which is strange for a consume store, but it's convenient for us." I say as I poked the tip of the hook on my hand. Sharp. I decided to look around a little more and saw a mannequin off to the side with an eyepatch and a pirate hat on top. I took off the somewhat dusty pirate hat and placed it on Pin's crookedly. Probably not the most convenient way to wear it, but I didn't want to break it on her point. "I feel like you'll be a great captain!" I say, looking at her proudly. "Captain?! You think I'll be captain of the ship?" She said, a bit befuddled, and taking off the pirate hat and holding it in both her hands. "Yeah, you're the one who came up with the idea! I feel like that means you should be the captain!" I say, now looking through some old boxes. "I don't know, I mean, you were technically the one who came up with the idea." She told me. I looked at her again. "Pin, I was just joking around. *You* came up with the actual idea." I tell her. "I guess that's true." she said, rubbing the hat with her thumbs thoughtfully.

PIN'S POV

I cant believe coiny wants me to be captain! Well, I can, but still. I don't know if I should. "There are tons of eyepatches over here, I'm gonna take these."Coiny said as he picked up a box of eyepatches. I placed the pirate hat into the box. I then saw some of the swords Coiny mentioned earlier on the floor, so I picked them up. Then, I look at Coiny, whom also seemed to have grabbed more pirate hooks. "I still think it funny how the swords and hooks seem to be real instead of fake like how it usually is at costume stores." Coiny said, once again poking one of the hooks he was holding, testing it again to see if maybe the last time was his imagination. I looked down at the swords I was holding and said, "yeah it's weird but it works."

"Is this all we need?" I say after we grabbed a few other things. "Seems good to me!" Coiny said. We started to walk out of the

costume store, but then Coiny suddenly stopped. I look back at him. "Is something wrong, why'd you stop walking?" I asked. "We need a map! Here, take this to the van for me!" He gave me all the stuff he was carrying. I was holding a lot of things and I almost dropped some of it while bringing it to the van, but I managed. I wiped some sweat off my face as coiny came out of the store, now with a map. I walked up to him. "Coiny, you do realize this is a costume store and that there probably aren't any real maps in there." I raise my brow. He rubbed the back of his head. "I know, but since there were real swords and hooks I thought maybe there might be a real map in there too, and there is!" Coiny held up the map excitedly before dragging me to the front of the van and slamming it down on the hood. "See! It shows all of Goiky and it shows some other islands on it too! Those islands should be where we go while on the trip!" Coiny said pointing at one of the islands on the map. I chuckle, "Well, okay then. So, *now* are we ready to go?" He nodded, "yep!" Then folded the map and went into the passenger seat of the van. I climbed into the drivers seat and started the van. We are almost ready to actually start our adventure.

Let's Get Started

PIN'S POV

Coiny and I were heading back after this long trip. Coiny was looking out the window. I glanced at him a few times, I could tell he was bored. "Hey, Coiny, wanna play a game?" I asked. "Like what?" He looked at me. "Uh, maybe I spy?" I said. It's probably not the best game to play while I'm driving but it's the best thing i could think of. "Sure, you first."
"Hmm," I looked around, this was kinda hard, seeing as I'm in a moving vehicle. I decided to choose something that was in the van.

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We played the game for awhile, it was pretty difficult because there wasn't many things to spy. It was now Coiny's turn. "I spy with my little eye," He glanced out the window for a moment. "a recovery ceNTER STORE?! Hold on Pin, stop the van!" Coiny yelled. I stepped on the brake. "What?" Coiny got out and looked to where we passed. I got out as well and stood next to him. "There is a recovery center store in Yoyle City?!" Coiny said, walking up to the store. I followed. "I guess so, I didn't even know a recovery center store existed, but I guess they have to get them from somewhere." I shrugged. "We should get one just in case we die on our trip!" Coiny said. "Oh that's true! I didn't even think of that." I said. We both walked in.

Walking in, we noticed that this place was huge! It was basically a whole factory filled with recovery centers, small and big. There were a whole lot of them too, some that I didn't even know existed, but coiny and I decided to go with the Hand-Powered Recovery Center. We walked out with it, both of us each holding a side. "It's funny how earlier you couldn't carry a basket of yoyle berries but now you can carry a recovery center." I said. "Don't question it," We made it behind the van, "It's just cartoon logic, like this!" He threw the recovery center into the back of the van and it fit perfectly. "But we aren't in a cartoon?" I say confused. "That's true, we're in a fan fiction, but that logic still applies here." He says.
"*What?*"
"What?"

There was silence.
"Oh-kay! Let's get going again!"

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COINY'S POV

When we finally made it back, we saw that everyone was all ready. Pin and I got out of the van. "Finally! What took you two so long?!" Snowball yelled. "Calm down, SB, we just picked up a few things on the way back." I said opening up the back of the van. I took the recovery center out and set it down next to me with a big thud. They all seemed surprised at the sight of a recovery center, some even gasped. "Is that a recovery center?" Leafy asked as she walked up to it. Pin grabbed all the pirate stuff from the back of the van and brought it over to us. "Yep, we happened to pass a recovery center store in Yoyle City and grabbed one just in case." Pin explained. "There's a recovery center store?" Flower asked. Ruby ran up to the pirate stuff. "Oooh! What's all this?" She pointed to it. "We grabbed some pirate stuff on the way back here too, y'know, to make us actually seem like pirates on the sea!" I said putting on one of the eyepatches and a hook. I'm glad I decided to wipe off all the dust on everything on the way back, cus now everyone was surrounding the box of pirate stuff. "I want one!" Ruby took one of the hooks and put it on. "Look guys I'm a pirate! Arrgh!" Ruby giggled to herself.

Now, everyone was picking what they wanted to wear. I look and see pin taking out the yoyle berries from the van. I walked over to her, lifting up my eyepatch so that it isn't covering my eye. "Need any help?" I ask. She takes out the last basket of yoyle berries out and sets them down. "I'm good." She closed the back of the van. Everyone seemed to be done picking out what they wanted to wear. "So, Pin, you should go pick something to wear." I say. "Okay, but I don't think there's really anything left." We walked over to where the box of pirate stuff was before. There seemed to have been enough swords for everyone, seeing as everybody had grabbed a sword and there were two left, one for me and one for Pin. "See there's nothing there except the swords." Pin said. "Well, there'd be an eyepatch left if Firey didn't take two!" Needle yelled. "Two makes me more of a pirate, Needle!" Firey rebutted. "No it doesn't!" Needle argued. "It's fine, he can have two if he wants them." Pin laughed. I saw that the pirate hat wasn't there so I looked at everyone. No one was wearing it. "Where's the pirate hat? You should wear that!" I say.

"What pirate hat?" Leafy asked.
"Oh, I got a pirate hat for Pin!" I said, walking back to the van to see if I left it in there. "You got a pirate hat for anyone, not just me." Pin followed me.

LEAFY'S POV

I nudged Firey, which didn't hurt because he had eaten my yoyle berry earlier when we were getting our stuff, so he was made of yoyle metal. He looked at me. "Coiny got a pirate hat for Pin, isn't that cute?" He looked over at Coiny and Pin, whom just found the pirate hat in the back of the van. He shrugged and said, "I don't know, aren't they just friends?" I watched as Coiny put the pirate hat on Pin. She took it back off, shaking her head. They were talking to each other, but I didn't hear what they were saying. In my eyes, they looked very cute together. "Well, yeah, but I mean, look at them!" I say, gesturing to them. I looked back at Firey, he was giving me a weird look. "I guess, but I just don't really see it." Firey replied, scratching the back of his head. Ruby budded in our conversation, "Oh! I think they're cute!" I grinned. Needle was looking at us then looked over at Pin and Coiny. "I don't know guys, I don't think you should be gossiping about them like this." Needle said. "You're just saying that because you still have a crush on Coiny!" I waved her off. "Leafy! I told you a million times! That was years ago, I'm over him! I could care less if anyone dates him!" Needle defended herself. I couldn't tell if she was serious or if she was just saying that, just like the other 47 times she told me. That's right, I counted.

"What are you guys fighting about?" Pin asked as she walked up to us again with Coiny, holding the hat in her hands. "Nothing!" Needle, Ruby, and I yelled in unison. Firey just kinda rolled his eyes. "Okay? Well, Coiny and I found the hat, but it's going to be given to whoever ends up being the captain so-" Before Pin could finish talking, Coiny yelled, "I vote Pin for captain!" I followed with, "Me too!" Pin chuckled a bit nervously. "Well, uh, I think Coiny should be captain because he's the one who made me think about this whole pirate thing to begin with." Pin said, gesturing the hat over to him. Snowball scoffed, "I should be the captain! I *am* the strongest out of all of us!" Snowball said. "I vote myself too! I am the most beautiful after all!" Flower said. "This isn't about beauty, Flower." Needle said

before walking up to Pin. "I vote Pin, she's one of my closest friends, and has proven throughout the competition to be a pretty solid leader!" Needle said. Pin looked at the f ground nervously at that comment. I stood next to Pin as well. "I also vote Pin." Firey said before walking up to us. Everyone looked at Ruby, who hasn't voted.

COINY'S POV

Ruby stared back at everyone. "…..What? It's not like my vote will matter anyway." She shrugged. "Yeah, that's true! Pin you won, so you're captain!" I say, taking the hat out of her hands and placing it back on her head in the same crooked way I did back at the costume store. Snowball stomped up to us, "She doesn't deserve to be captain though! She's not even strong enough to be a pirate captain! Pirates are strong!" He yelled, pointing his sword in the air. "Do i need to remind you that Pin is the one that started this whole thing and is the reason you joined?" I said. Snowball just rolled his eyes and stepped away. "I guess that settles it then, Pin's the captain and we're all her mighty crew!" Leafy yelled excitedly. "I think we're ready to head off!" I said. "Um, I think we're missing something." Needle stated. "What's that?" I ask, turning to her. She gave me a look before gesturing out towards the empty ocean we're next to. I look over there for a moment before turning back to needle with a look of confusion. "The ship, Coiny! We don't have a pirate ship!" She yelled in my face. "Ohhhh yeahhh..."

Pin perked up, "I got it covered! Be right back!" She then ran off into a direction. We all waited for a few minutes before we see Pin return. "So?" Flower asked, leaning on Ruby. "Oh, it's right there!" Pin pointed at the water which somehow has a pirate ship at the shore. "Woah, Pin, where'd you get that?!" I say, my mouth agape looking at how cool it is. "And how'd you get it there withought any of us noticing?!" Firey questioned. "Oh, just a little bit of that cartoon logic." Pin joked, nudging me. We both laughed while the others just seemed confused on what she meant. I guess it's our little inside joke now.

Settled in

LEAFY'S POV

"Okay now, we should probably put all your things on the ship." Pin said. "Wait! You and Coiny never got your stuff." Needle spoke up. "Oh, that's right, we should grab our stuff real quick." Coiny said to Pin. "Oh, yeah, you're right, let's hurry!" Pin said then she and Coiny ran off. "Well, we should start getting *our* stuff on." I say as I pick up my suitcase. The others do the same and we walk onto the boat.
"Wow! Look at it!"
"Woah."
"This boat is so big!"
"It sure is!"
"This is so cool!"

We were all talking about the boat at once. I looked around for where we were going to be sleeping. I went down some stairs and looked around. This area is huge, there were a bunch of cannons and weapons. A bunch of barrels scattered around the area as well. Within this area I also found 2 adjacent rooms. I opened the door on the left, then the one of the right, I saw they both had a bunch of bunk beds. The room on the right having more beds than the left. I walk into the right room. "Oooh, this place looks cool!" Ruby said from behind me, scaring me. I took a breath after that freight, then took a proper look at the room we were in, this place *did* look cool. Not just because of the bunk beds, but there were a bunch of neat decorations on the wall, alongside some wall lamps. There was a chest in here as well, right under a window at the end of the room. That, I was very curious about. I walked up to it, Ruby standing right beside me. "Oh em gosh, what do you think is in there?" She asked me. "I don't know, let's look." I tried to open up the chest, but it wouldn't budge. "Huh?" I hummed, taking a better look at it. "Dang it, it's locked." I say, "Is there a key around here somewhere?"

Flower seemed to have saw me and Ruby looking around the room and walked over. "what are you two doing?" She asked. Ruby stopped what she was doing and looked at Flower. "Well, we found this super cool chest but—" She was interrupted by a gasp, "Wait there's bunks?! I call top!" Flower pushed Ruby aside so she could climb up and throw her stuff on the top bunk of the bed on the left. "Wait yeah, bunks!" Ruby yelled, apparently forgetting about the chest, "I want

bottom bunk of Flower's bed!" She picked her stuff up off the floor and threw it there. Needle came over. "There's bunks?" She walked into the room. She looked at a bunk bed that wasn't taken. "I want top bunk too!" She threw her things on the top bunk of that bed. I sighed, at this rate I don't think we'll be finding the key.

"Hold up, there's bunk beds?!" Coiny yelled from above. I turned to see coiny running down the stairs. I guess Coiny and Pin came back with their stuff. I'm guessing they brought on the yoyle berries, the recovery center, and anything else too

PIN'S POV

I followed Coiny down the stairs and over to the adjacent rooms. He looked into the room the others were in and I did too. I had already seen it but Coiny obviously hasn't. "Yep, but seeing as they seemed to have already claimed bunks, this will be the girls quarters. Which makes the one on the left the boys one." I pointed to the room. "Sweet! I call top bunk!" Coiny ran over to the room. Firey ran after him. "Hey, no fair, I want top bunk!" He yelled. Seemed like everyone was coming down here now. Leafy and I laughed at them. "Well I want to bunk with Needle, so I'll sleep on the bottom bunk." I say as I put my stuff down on the bed. I look over at Leafy, "Which bed are you sleeping in?" She seemed distracted, but looked up at me. "Uh, I don't want a top bunk so I'll just sleep there, I guess." Leafy sat her stuff down on the bottom bunk of the last bunk bed in the room. "This place is really cool!" Needle said, taking a blanket out of her bag and making her bed. "Today has been a long day, I can't wait to sleep!" I said, doing the same as Needle.

COINY'S POV

I beat Firey for the top bunk so he has bottom bunk of my bunk bed. He could've bunked with Snowball but he had already chose top bunk and there weren't anymore beds. I knew Firey was slow, ha. Firey chose to bunk with me, since y'know, we're pals, plus I think he doesn't really like SB that much. I don't know why though, SB is pretty cool. I also never realized how little guys decided to join until now, it's only me, Firey, and Snowball. It would've been nice if my pals Blocky and Pen joined, and Eraser too. Oh well. "It sucks that we're the only boys." Firey stated, making his bed. "I was just

thinking the same thing." I said, peaking out from the top of my bed to look at him. "The rest of them were too chicken to join, it would've been cool if my boy Lightning joined though." Snowball said, laying on his bed, not seeming to care about making it right now. "Who the heck told you two to read minds?" I sat up, pointed to both Firey and Snowball, "I was thinking the same thing but with Pen and Blocky!...and also Eraser." I said, climbing out of my bed, which was fully fixed up now with my blanket and a pillow.

I could hear Pin yell something from outside the rooms. "Okay everybody, I need to say something! Can you guys come out here?!" Snowball groaned before we all walked out of the room. I saw that all the girls were already out. Pin was standing in front of the stairs. "I know we were all relaxing and stuff but I want to say something," Pin looked at all of us to make sure we were paying attention. "We will continue relaxing—" She was cut off by Snowball, "Then why did you yell at us all to come out here?!" He yelled, pretty irritated. "Um, let me finish," Pin continued, "I see that you all seem pretty tired, I am too, today has been a long day! So we can start our adventure tomorrow morning!" She stood confidently. "It is also getting dark so it's best to get some rest anyway." Pin finished. "Okay, you all can get back to what you were doing!" Pin said while walking back into the girl's bunk room. Snowball, Firey, and I went back to our room and back onto our beds. I was ready to pass out, it *HAS* been a long day.

An Eventful Morning

PIN'S POV

I woke up earlier than the rest of the girls. I decided to get up and make myself some breakfast. When I walked out of the room, I closed the door slowly and turned around. Once i did, I saw that coiny was up too as he was out here also, looking at the cannons. He must've heard me because he looked over at me. "Why are you up so early?" We whispered at the same time. We just stared at each other for a second and laughed quietly at ourselves. I spoke first, "Well, I was going to make myself some breakfast, you want anything?" I asked, heading to the other end the lower deck. "Uh, actually can I help? I'm bored and I don't feel like going back to sleep." Coiny asked, following me. "Uhhh..." I hesitated, "..Sure, I'd love some help from you." I said as we both made our way into the kitchen, also known as the galley. Although i agreed to let him help, I don't know how great the help will be, considering Coiny isn't very good at cooking. "What do you think we should make?" I asked as we entered. We could talk in our normal volume now since we were away from the rooms. "Hmm.. maybe some pancakes?" Coiny said with a smile. "Do we have everything we need to make that?" I asked, realizing that we didn't pack food. We looked around, and lucky for us, we found all the ingredients already here! So we started making the pancakes. We made quite the mess though. We were also laughing a lot. It's actually fun cooking with Coiny, he's surprisingly good at it too! He must've been taking cooking lessons when i'm not around or something.

LEAFY'S POV

I woke up hearing laughing from outside the room. I sat up groggily in my bed. Looking around, I saw that everyone else was still asleep, except Pin, who wasn't even in the room. that's when I realized that Pin was one of the people laughing. I had a strong feeling that Coiny was the other voice. I stood up and walked out the room, toward the sound of the laughter. I heard that the laughter was in the galley, along with the wonderful aroma of flour and butter. "They must be making pancakes together, how cute." I whisper to myself.

I open the door to the galley slightly, unnoticed. I watched as Coiny and Pin were making the pancakes. They were being really silly with each other, tossing ingredients and such into each other's faces, which was causing them to laugh as much as they were. I watched

them for a few minutes, giggling a bit, as this was so cute to see. Then I suddenly hear a raspy, "What are you doing?" From behind me. I let out a small, "Eep!" And look behind me as the door i was looking through closed. It was Snowball. "I- um- I was, er.." I stammered, not wanting to just say that I was watching Coiny and Pin, because he'd think I was some weird stalker or something. "Well, uh, what are *you* doing?" I asked back at him, cockily. "I was gonna yell at whoever was laughing so loud, because I'm flaking tired and they woke me up." He said, rubbing his eye. "Now, tell me why you're out here." He crossed his arms, seeming legitimately curious, yet annoyed.

"Well..." Before I could answer, the galley door i was looking through opened. "What are you two doing?" Pin asked, suddenly. I went "Eep!" again and looked at Pin and Coiny. Shoot, I'm caught! "Nothing! I just...smelt the pancakes..? And, uh, came to see who was laughing!" I said, I technically told the truth since that's half the reason I came to see what they were doing. "I came here because I woke up from all the laughing and I was going to yell at you both to SHUT UP!" Snowball said truthfully, yelling the last part. "Oh," Pin looked at Coiny awkwardly, "I didn't realize how loud we were being." Pin said. "Me either." Coiny chuckled nervously. "Well, realize it next time. I'm going back to sleep." Snowball walked back to the boy's bunk room.

PIN'S POV

"Actually," I looked at my wrist as if there was a watch there, "Right now would be a good time to wake everyone up!" I heard Snowball groan from at the other end of the deck. "Are you serious." He muttered to himself. "Go wake up Firey, you two," I pointed to Coiny and Snowball, "And Leafy and I will wake up Ruby, Flower, and Needle." I started to walking to the girls bunks with Leafy following me. "So, what were you and Snowball talking about before Coiny and I interrupted?" we made it in front of the room. She looked at me nervously. "Well, he asked what I was doing and I asked him what he was doing. We both just kinda woke up from the laughing and ran into each other outside of the rooms." Leafy explained. "Oh, well, uh, how should we wake them up?" I looked at leafy. "We should yell something pirate related." Leafy giggled to herself. I did too, I liked the plan. "Okay." After we figured out what we were going to yell, we

went into the room and got ready to shout it.
"1.."
"2.."
"3..!"
"TALLY-HO PIRATES, WAKE UP!" We shouted loudly in unison. All the girls woke up screaming at the sudden yelling. Needle sat up so fast that she hit her head on the ceiling. "OW!" Ruby fell out of her bed with an 'oof.' She stood up slowly. Good thing she isn't on a top bunk. Flower was clutching her chest, breathing heavily at the scare. Leafy and I were practically on the floor laughing. "Are you guys okay?" Leafy managed to ask. "What was that for?!" Flower yelled. "Okay maybe we shouldn't do that anymore." I laughed a little more before gathering myself. "Sorry!" Leafy and I said as Flower and Needle crawl out of their bunks. I pick up my captain hat and put it on in the same crooked manner that Coiny does. "Okay guys, get your pirate gear on! We will be having breakfast..." I paused before making the realization, "WHICH IS STILL BEING MADE WITH NO ONE IN THE GALLEY!" I ran out of the room. I burst into the galley to see the pancakes on fire. I freak out, grabbing the pan holding the flaming pancakes.

COINY'S POV

Firey was up at this point, and we all were just talking about stuff when we hear Pin yell something from the room next to us. I speed out of the room to see Pin running into the galley. That's when I realized. "Oh my mint, we were still making pancakes!" I run after Pin to just see her holding the burning pancakes. She looked at me, clearly hoping for help. "UH- UH THROW THEM INTO THE WATER?!" I say panicking. Pin just followed what I ordered and ran out of the room, making her way up the stairs. I followed her out and everyone was out of the rooms by now. I ignore them though, just running up the stairs. Just as i made it up, everyone else followed suit and we all watched as Pin just threw a bunch of pancakes into the ocean. Pin sighed in relief and watched as the pancakes she just threw floated in the water. "Well, this was an eventful morning." Needle muttered, rubbing her head like she had hit it or something. "And you guys thought I'd be the one to burn down the ship!" Firey joked, resulting in a few laughs from the others. I just rolled my eyes and went back down to the galley to make sure everything was okay

in there, and that nothing else was burning. It was, luckily. Pin, soon, came in for the same reason. We took a minute to talk about what just happened. After a bit, we returned to the top of the ship with the leftover unburnt pancakes that we had and we all ate together.

LEAFY'S POV

After we all finished eating, Pin decided we should start moving. She already had the sails and everything set up, so she went over to the anchor and attempted to pull it up with no luck. Coiny tried helping her but still nothing. Finally, Snowball came in and pulled it up without a sweat. Pin thanked him before heading up the stairs to the helm and walking up to the ship's steering wheel. "I've never steered a ship before." She muttered. She took a big breath as the wind made us move. Everyone decided to suit up in their pirate gear at this point. I decided to go downstairs and grab a telescope that I had brought with me. I walked into the room and glanced back at that chest me and Ruby attempted to look into before. I definitely need to ask Pin about that soon. For now though, I just grabbed the telescope out of my bag and went back upstairs. When I came up, I noticed that Coiny had a map. I walked up to him and looked at his map. "Oh, that's a yoyle map! I had one of those before!" I remarked. "Oh yeah, I remember that." Coiny stated. "There's always something interesting about yoyle maps!" I say. "Oh?" He inquired. "If you say 'blue skidoo we can too!' then you'll get sucked up into Yoyleland!" I inform. "Oh, well that's- wOaH!" Coiny started to float a little, making me realize what I just did. I watched in horror as Coiny got sucked up into the map and into Yoyleland. "Crap!" I dropped my telescope.

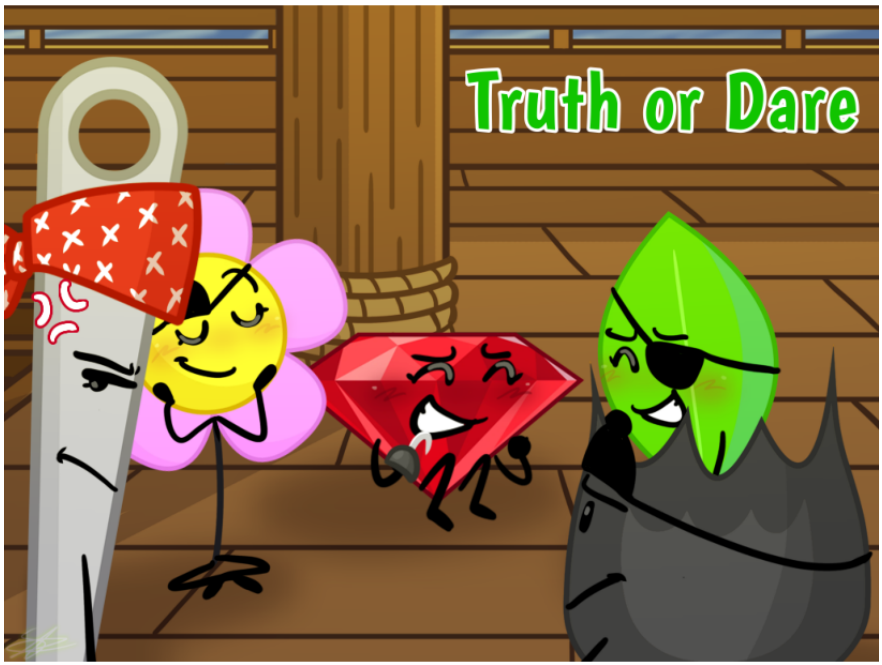
I ran up to the helm and next to Pin. "Oh, hi Leafy," Pin looked at me and raised a brow, "Why do you look like you just saw a ghost?" I nervously laugh. "Yeah, uh, funny story...Coiny kinda got sucked up into Yoyleland." I admitted. "WHAT?!" Pin blurted. "Yeeep." I replied bluntly. "WH- WHA- HOW??" Pin asked in a panic. "He had a yoyle map and I was explaining a neat fact about it and happened to say the words that teleports you to Yoyleland by accident." I said followed with a nervous chuckle. "LEAFY!" She screamed at me. i just stared at the floor awkwardly. "FIRST STOP, YOYLELAND!" Pin announced. Everyone stopped what they were doing. "What? But that's just a car drive away!" Firey responded. "Leafy got Coiny

teleported there and we have to get him!" Pin loudly stated, turning the ship to where Yoyleland is. "LEAFY!" Everyone yelled angrily at me. I just laughed nervously for what feels like the 100th time now.

I decided to leave Pin alone, I could tell she wasn't very happy with me right now. So, I headed down and grabbed my telescope from where I dropped it and ran up to the fore-mast of the ship. I looked through my telescope to see if I could find anything useful. Firey came over to where I was and looked around. "Hey I think I see coiny!" Firey pointing at him. I climbed up right behind the bow and proclaimed, "I didn't realize how fast we can get to Yoyleland from on boat!" I was still looking though the telescope. "uHH HOW DO I STOP AGAIN?" Pin shouted, not really thinking through the worry. "We use the anchor! Where's it at?!" Needle looked around for the anchor. Flower and Ruby did the same. "Wait but don't we stop first and then use the anchor?" Firey questioned, running over to the others. "No, you idiot!" Snowball seemed to have remembered where the anchor was and threw it down. "We just use the anchor." The boat started to stop. "Oh." Snowball facepalmed and muttered the word 'idiots' under his breath.

When the ship came to a complete stop Pin yelled for Coiny to come back on and he did so. Coiny grabbed the map he had before from off the floor and walked up to me. "Don't say that again, Leafy." He said. "Ehehe... sorry." I apologized. He walked away from me and stood next to Pin. This was a rough start to this day.

Truth or Dare



COINY'S POV

I was standing next to Pin, analyzing the map in my hands. It has been awhile and I was looking for places that look interesting on it. There were a lot to choose from. "Do you see anywhere we could go that'd be cool?" Pin asked me. I sighed, "No, all of these places look dull, but then again, it's just a map, not much details on it." I folded the map, waving it around a bit as I talked. "True, plus who knows how old it is, all of those places are probably changed by now." Pin added. "that's true, too." I opened the map again, this time just trying to see which one's closest. Every now and then I'd watch Pin as she steered the boat. She was so good at it, despite never doing it before. Pin is good at doing a lot of stuff. She looked over at me and I quickly looked back at the map acting like I never stared at her. "Everything good?" she asked. "Uh, yeah, I'm fine, why'd ya ask?" I continue to look at my map awkwardly, not wanting to look back at her now. "Well, you looked nervous, so I just wanted to ask." Pin said. I guess she didn't notice that I was looking at her.

As time passed, I could hear what I could only imagine as the others playing around on the deck. It sounded fun, they were laughing and everything. I glanced over to them a few times, I think they were playing tag. After awhile, we suddenly hear a loud crash and then yelling from Snowball, "LEAFY! YOU NEED TO WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!" I looked over the railing to see the commotion. "I'm sorry, Snowball, I didn't mean to!" Leafy apologized. Pin seemed to have wondered what happened too. "Coiny, what happened?" She asked me. " I don't know, I'll go check." When i made it to the bottom of the stairs I saw a bunch of yoyle berries scattered on the floor. Seems that a few of the yoyle berry containers got knocked down. Maybe Pin and I shouldn't have put the containers in a pile up here. I fix my attention onto Snowball, whom had Leafy backed up into a corner. He had a yoyle berry stuck in his snow somehow. There was a bunch of yelling coming from that corner. I noticed that the others were just crowded together watching it happen. I hurriedly run in between Snowball and Leafy before anything drastic happens.

"Woah, woah, what happened?" I asked. "Leafy and those other dummies were playing that stupid game while I was just minding my own business, sitting over there," He pointed over to the area with

the knocked down containers, "When Leafy just knocks a bunch of yoyle berries onto me!" Snowball snarled, glaring at the shaking leaf.
"It was on accident!" Leafy exclaimed.
"You seem to be doing a lot of things by accident, Leafy." I say sternly.
"Actually, uh," Firey interrupted, "I kind of slapped her when I meant to tag her, which knocked her into the yoyle berries. It was probably reflexes from all those times I used to slap you." He joked. "Ha ha, funny." I responded sarcastically, "Well, it doesn't really matter, let's just clean up this yoyle berry mess." I say, taking the yoyle berry off of Snowball's snow. "That's not my job." Snowball remarked as he walked away. "Yeaaaah.. that's a no can do from me too." Flower agreed, stepping back a few paces. So then, everyone except Snowball and Flower helped pick up the mess. After that was done, I decided to put the yoyle berries into the galley downstairs.

PIN'S POV

After whatever happened with Snowball and Leafy was dealt with, Coiny came back up next me and sat on the floor with a sigh. "This day has barely started and there is already so much stress!" Coiny complained. "I know," I chuckled, "I guess that's the life of a pirate." I remarked. He laughed and stood up again. "I guess so." He looked back at the map. I then, heard coiny gasp. I looked over at him. "What is it?" He showed me the map, "What if we go to this island!" He pointed to a pretty small island on it. "Oh, sure." I turn the wheel to the direction of the island. "What's so special about it that makes you want to go?" I wondered out loud. The island didn't look particularly interesting to me, but his gasp made it seem so. "Oh, nothing really," He looked back at the map, "I just remembered that I pointed to this island when we first looked at it together." Coiny explained. "Aw," I cooed, "That's nice." I focus my attention back on the sea. "Well, since it's the smallest on the map, we should go from smallest to biggest." I say. "Augh! This feels just like those adventure shows I watch on TV, when he lets me!" Coiny exclaimed. I snickered. "Yeah, I'm pretty excited for this too!" I say.

After a moment of silence I look at Coiny. "So, what happened down there?" I inquired. "Oh, Leafy just accidentally knocked over a container of yoyle berries onto Snowball while she and the others

were playing tag." He told me. "Is this the second thing Leafy has accidentally done today?" I remarked.
"mmmhm."
"Thought so." I shake my head, "What are they all doing now?" Coiny looked over the railing at them. "They aren't doing anything, they all look pretty bored." He said. "Oh, they must think they can't play or something because of that." I realized. I peer over the railing, still holding onto the wheel with my left hand. "Uh, hey, everyone, you guys can still play games if you're bored! Just....don't run around for right now!" I announced.

NEEDLE'S POV

When Pin said we could still play games, Ruby gasped. "Omg! We should totally play Truth or Dare!" She said. "Holy aphid, we should! I haven't played Truth or Dare in forever!" Flower spoke excitedly. Well, there isn't really anything else to do. "Sure I'll play too." I shrugged. Leafy and Firey also agree to play. We all guessed that Snowball isn't going to partake. "I'll go first!" Flower yelled, raising a hand. She then turned to Ruby. "Truth or dare?" Ruby didn't even think, she just yelled, "Dare!" Flower thought for a moment. "I dare you to... call me beautiful!" Flower commanded, with a smug grin. Some of us groaned. "Of course she'd dare that." I say. "Easy peezy! You're beautiful!" Ruby said gleefully. "Thank you, I know I am!" Flower said, placing her hand on her face with a smile. "Okay, okay, my turn," Ruby turned to leafy, "Leafy, truth or dare?" She asked. "Oh, uh, truth!" Leafy replied. "Is it true that you ship your friends?" Ruby giggled. I rolled my eyes at this question. Leafy laughed, "Yeah, a little, I do." Leafy admitted, although it wasn't much of surprise. "Me too!" Ruby squealed.

"Can we actually play the game?" I asked, getting annoyed with the how the game's going. "Okay, sorry! Now," Leafy turned, "Truth or dare, Firey?" She asked. "Dare!" He said confidently. "I dare you to..." Leafy looked around for an idea. She gasped and smiled, "I dare you to go up to Coiny and Pin..." She paused for suspense. We all looked at her curiously, Firey especially since he was the one about to do whatever Leafy says. "...And call them a cute couple!" She finished. You've gotta be kidding me. "What kind of dare is that?!" I yelled. I mentally slapped myself, because I knew right after I said that, that

Leafy was gonna go and be like 'Oh you're just jealous because you like Coiny!' or something. Even though it's not like that! "Oh you're just jealous because you like Coiny!" Leafy claimed. Called it. "No I don't, it's just-" I took a sharp breath, "You know what, I don't care just do it." I sighed. I really didn't like Coiny like that anymore, it's just that it's literally a dumb dare. Why not tell him to do something difficult, like climb up to the first sail on the boat, or something more interesting. Firey just rolled his eyes, "C'mon, give me something else!" Leafy shook her head, "Ah, ah! I dared you, it's the rules!" He just gave a very loud sigh in response and slowly started to walk up to Coiny and Pin. "Act like you thought of it yourself when saying it!" Leafy added. Firey shook his head, annoyed while walked up to them. We followed behind and peeked to watch.

"Yo." He greeted with a fake smile and a wave. They look at him. "Hey bro!" Coiny responded, while Pin just waved back. Firey glanced back at us before speaking, "Y'know, you two look like a cute couple." Firey said, fairly convincingly. They both blushed. I heard Leafy and Ruby giggling together, while I just frankly felt bad. "WUH- DUH— WHAT?" Pin sputtered. "FIREY???" Coiny had shouted. Firey just kinda laughed at the way they reacted and started to walk back down the stairs. The rest of us decided it was a good time to head back to our spot to be out of the way. "NUH-UH FIREY, COME BACK HERE!" Coiny shoved the map he was holding into Pin's arms and started to run after Firey. Firey immediately booked it. We all watched as Coiny chased Firey around the ship. I knew this dare was dumb.

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Ship Shenanigans

LEAFY'S POV

Watching Coiny chase Firey around was funny, especially since Coiny was blushing so much! When I looked back at Pin, she just looked very flustered. "FIREY, WHAT IS WRONG WITH—" Coiny tripped on a loose piece of wood on the floor.
"WOAH!"
He fell. A few of us snickered as Coiny got back up. Firey ran down and into the boy's bunks and slammed the door shut while laughing. Coiny soon followed suit and so did the rest of us. When he couldn't open the door he started banging on it. "Firey open up the gosh darn door!" He commanded. "Never!" Firey said behind the door. Coiny continues to try and open the door until Pin showed up and shouted, "Coiny, it doesn't matter!" with an awkward laugh at the end. "Fine! You win this time, Firey!" Coiny yelled, waving his hand in the air in defeat. "Wait, Pin? Who's steering the ship?" Needle questioned. Pin rubbed the back of her head. "I had Snowball take over for a second." She then turned to Coiny, "Now, come on." She walked back up the stairs. Coiny sighed, putting his eyepatch down over his eye before following Pin.

When he realized it was safe now, Firey came out of the room. "That was actually kinda fun." He giggled. "I still think that was kinda dumb." Needle said, crossing her arms. Of course she finds it dumb, she has a crush on Coiny! Needle shot me a look. "Leafy, I know what you're thinking, and I'm telling you, I don't have a crush on Coiny!" She screamed. "Then why's it dumb?" She sighed angrily, grabbing my arm and dragging me up the stairs to the main deck. "Leafy, look at them," She pointed at Coiny and Pin, "They're acting awkward around each other now." Wow, they *DID* look awkward. "Can we get back to the game, it's my turn now!" Firey said, hopping past us and back to the spot we were sitting before. "Oh, sure! Okay guys, let's go back over there." We all walked back.

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PIN'S POV

It's been a bit since Firey said what he said. Maybe an hour or so. I tried to think about anything else but my mind kept going back to hearing, 'You two look like a cute couple.' Plus, Coiny and I haven't

really been talking to each other since. I was starting to get uncomfortable with the awkwardness radiating from both of us. "Uh, do you want to... take a break?" I spoke, "I-I have been steering this boat for what feels like forever and I'm starting to get hungry." He flipped up his eyepatch. "Oh, uh, sure I wouldn't mind a break, my legs are tired from standing for so long, anyway." He replied. "Okay then, uh," I walked up to the railing to shout that we'll be taking a break, but I saw that everyone was looking up at the sails while cheering. Everyone except... I looked up and saw Leafy climbing up the mast. "HUH?" I ran down to where everyone was at. "LEAFY, ARE YOU CRAZY?!" I shouted. She looked down at me. "Hi Pin!" She shouted, while still trying to climb. "Get back down here, what are you doing?!" I asked, both hands on my head in a panic. Firey walked beside me and pointed, "Needle dared Leafy to climb up there." He said. "Firey!" Needle punched His arm, to which he replied with, "Ow!"
"WHY??" I exclaimed. "They're playing Truth or Dare." Snowball said, then went back to cheering for Leafy to climb higher with the others. "Guys stop!" I yell, then look back up at the climbing leaf. "Leafy, come back down here before you get hurt!" I yell. "Relax, Pin! I'll be fine!" She yelled back, confidently. She climbed a bit higher and everyone cheered louder. "Haha! I told you I could do it, Needle!" Leafy cheered. Just then, a big gust of wind blew strongly. "WOAH!" Leafy yelped, getting blown away in the wind. Everyone stopped cheering and started screaming. Her eyepatch flew off of her, fluttering down near the edge of the boat. Ruby quickly ran over to where the eyepatch was falling and JUST barely caught it.

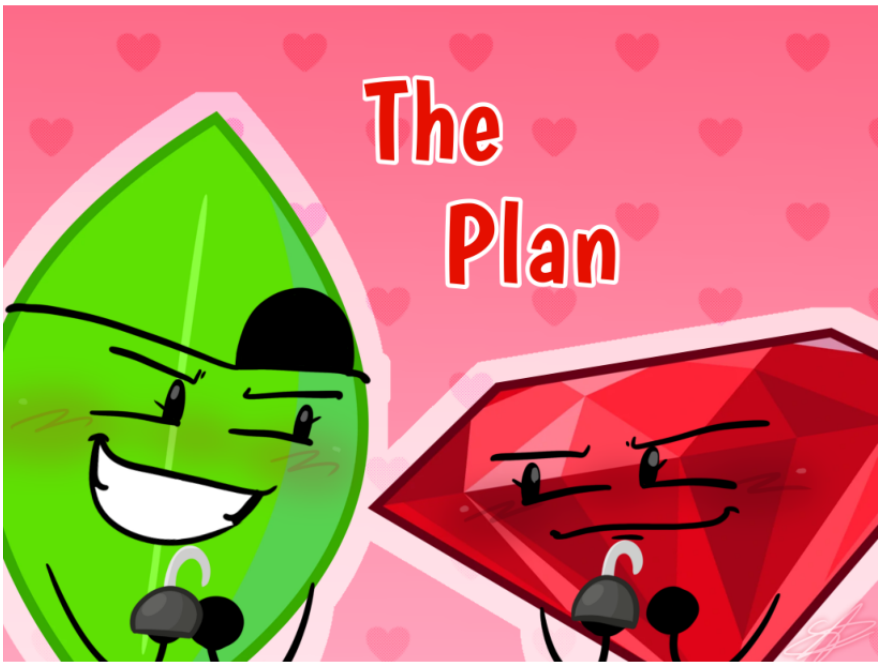
I ran to the edge of the boat and looked at Leafy, who landed in the water. "I'm okay!" She reassured. I signed in relief. Just then, Leafy got ripped apart by the fish in the water. We all just stared in shock. After a second, Firey chuckled. "I remember when Blocky got bit in the butt by one of those." He said. I groaned and walked over to the hand powered recovery center, thank glob we brought it. I put in Leafy's name and cranked the lever. She came out and looked around. "I told you, leafy." I crossed my arms. She just giggled with a shrug. Then, she felt for her eyepatch. "Oh no! Did I lose my eyepatch!" She panicked. "No, I have it!" Ruby said before giving her the eyepatch. "What about your hook?" I questioned, gesturing to her hand. "Oh, I needed to hold onto it so she could climb." Needle explained and

gave Leafy back her hook. Leafy put on her hook, then looked at me. "Pin, if you're here who's steering the ship?" She asked. Then I realized that I never ended up stopping the boat. I panicked for a second before I heard, "Don't worry, I handled it!" I turned around and saw coiny at the wheel. I smile, happy with his help. I suddenly remember what I originally wanted to do, turning to Snowball and asking, "Hey, could you drop the anchor?"

LEAFY'S POV

"Wait, why are we stopping the boat? We're still in the middle of the ocean." Flower stated. Yeah, I wondered the same. "Oh yeah, well.. Coiny and I decided we wanted a break, since I'm hungry and Coiny's legs are tired." Pin explained. "Heah, I'm gonna go sit down." Coiny walked down the stairs and sat down on the last one. Then, Pin walked down to the galley. I suddenly had the best idea. I walked over to Ruby. "Ruby, you know what we should do?" I whispered so only she could hear me. "Omg, I already know this has something to do with Coiny and Pin, tell me!" She whispered back. "Uh huh," I nodded, "Since they're on break, we should make them realize they like each other! Kt's painfully obvious but I can tell they don't see it yet." I say, watching as Pin came back up with a snack, then sat next to Coiny on the stairs. "I'm totally in! What should we do?" Ruby asked. I analyzed them, thinking about what we could do. They were talking with each other. Suddenly, Coiny pulled out the map again and Pin looked at it with him. "Hmm... Ruby hold this real quick." I gave Ruby my hook. I stood forward a bit and put my hands in front of me, creating a frame with my fingers. I looked at the two through my hands. I suddenly knew what our plan should be.

The Plan



LEAFY'S POV

I leaned up to Ruby and whispered my plan. Afterwards, she gasped. "That's perfect!" She said excitedly. "I know right?!" I giggled. My plan was very simple, Ruby and I need to get Pin and Coiny to do some kind of adventure together without the others around, and then we will follow them secretly so we can make them bond and get closer. "But what can they do together?" I wondered out loud. Both of us thought for a bit. While we thought, I could hear Pin and Coiny chatting,
"Okay, I just realized we're right here, and the island is right there." I hear Pin say. "Well then, we aren't too far away!" Coiny said with a smile. "Once we're done with our break we should head there immediately and check it out." Pin chuckled, shaking her head. We were planning on doing that anyway."

Ruby and I turned to each other after overhearing Coiny and Pin. We definitely had the same idea. So, we went into our room to talk more after we all decided to get going again. "Okay, let's go over this again," I started, "When we get to the island, we should say that we should go with Coiny and Pin, but make every excuse to leave them alone." Ruby nodded, following up with, "Except they won't really be alone!" She giggled. "Yeah, we will be hiding in the background, finding every possible way to make sure they get closer!" We both started to laugh to ourselves while thinking about Coiny and Pin as a couple. Is this weird?.... Nah I don't think it is. As we were laughing, Needle walked into the room. "Oh," I guess she didn't seem to realize we'd be in here, "What are you two doing?" She asked us. "Nothing!" We said, laughing to ourselves again. "Oh-kay..? I'll just grab this," She grabbed something that was on her bed, "And go." She left the room and closed the door.

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PIN'S POV

It has been probably a half hour after we started sailing again, but I don't really know, I wish clock was here so we'd know what time it was. Coiny was looking at his map eagerly. "We should be getting close according to the- oH MY MINT I SEE IT!" Coiny shouted, pointing to the land that was right ahead of our ship. I gasped at the

sight, excited to finally explore somewhere new. Once we made it over to the island, Snowball dropped the anchor. I walked down to where we were about to get off. "Here we go, our first adventure!" i say as i put the gangplank down so we can get off. "Wait!" I turned to see Leafy and Ruby running up to me. "Maybe we should have only a few of us get off and some of us stay on the ship!" Leafy said, weirdly excited. "Yeah! Since you and Coiny are obvs gonna go, then there should be at least two more!" Ruby followed up. "Why not all of us?" Firey asked, stepping beside the two. "Because...! What if, uh, our ship gets attacked or stolen! We need people to protect it!" Leafy explained. "I think that Snowball, Firey, Flower, and Needle should stay while Ruby and I go along with the both of you!" Coiny and I didn't really know what to think about this. The two proceeded to give up these strange puppy dog eyes in a way to convince us.

Seems not everyone was happy with Leafy's idea. "Why you two?! I want to go!" Firey whined. "Yeah, who would want to stay and watch this lame boat?" Snowball complained, crossing his arms. Flower did the same. "Yeah! What's the big idea?!" Leafy and Ruby glanced at each other nervously. Leafy decided to defend her reasoning. "Well, you all should stay because you show great qualities of defense! Snowball's the strongest one here, Needle is, um, is extremely good at slapping, Flower's pretty good at murder, and Firey, um, he is also good at slapping, I should know." Leafy joked.
"Coiny should know too." Firey teased.
"Your slaps were nowhere as good as mine!" Coiny defended.
"Wanna test that?"
"This is going to be a test you'll get an F on."
"Yeah, if F stands for Firey is better!"
Coiny started to walk up to Firey with a hand raised, but I put my arm in front of him to stop him from walking any further. "No, guys, don't."

"Well, why shouldn't you or Ruby stay?" Snowball said irritably. "Uh, because I can be easily ripped!" Leafy said matter of factly. "And I can be easily shattered!" Ruby added. I was starting to get tired of this conversation, I was ready to just explore already. "Okay okay, we'll just go with this, it does make sense to have some people guarding the ship, and you guys do seem like a suited bunch to do so." I watched as the group groaned. "C'mon Leafy and Ruby, let's go." I

motion for them to follow as I walk off the boat. I could hear Ruby and Leafy cheer. "Aww, but I wanna go!" Firey whined. "Yeah, I wanted to go too." Needle also whined. Leafy, Ruby, and Coiny followed me off the boat and we all started walking on the island.

COINY'S POV

Despite this being the smallest island we'll be on during our journey, it is still pretty big. It had a big forest which covered the whole island. "I wonder what kind of treasure we'll find!" Pin spoke excitedly. Our group were walking down a path in the forest together until we reached a fork in the road. Before any of us could react, Leafy speaks up, "Well, looks like we have to split up, right, Ruby?" She looked at the gem.
"Yeah!" She agreed.
"Well, I guess me and Ruby will go on the right, and you two can go on the left!" Leafy planned. "Uh," I looked over at Pin, seeing if she agreed with this idea. "I guess that can work? Just be careful, we don't know if there's anything dangerous." Pin spoke, solemnly. "Aye aye, captain! C'mon Ruby!" Leafy saluted before she and Ruby ran down their path. Pin and I started to walk down our path. "I wonder what those two are up to.." Pin said, a hint of suspicion in her voice. "Huh?" Pin looked at me. "I mean, I'm not the only one who feels like they are up to something, right?" Pin asked. "Now that I think of it, they were acting kind of strange, but don't they always?" I started, "They were probably just excited to explore the island."

We looked around as we walked. This forest was actually really cool looking. The trees were tall and had tons of leaves. The leaves being so think it blocked a lot of the sunlight, but any sunlight that did peak through was coated in nice autumn colors. It wasn't even autumn, but it seems the trees here didn't care, as along with the leaves being different colors, they were also all over the ground. Pin and I have been talking the whole time, but with a lot of awkward silences in between. I hate feeling so awkward around Pin, and I could tell she was feeling the same. I blame Firey.

Busted

RUBY'S POV

Me and Leafy were running down our path. "Hey, wait, do you hear that, Ruby?" Leafy asked, suddenly stopping. I listened intently and I could hear Pin saying something excitedly, I couldn't tell what it was that she said though. "Yeah!" I said loudly. Leafy shushed me and started to walk through the trees. I followed her. When she stopped, she hid behind a bush. I did the same.
"What are y-"
"SHH!" Leafy covered my mouth, pointing in front of us.
I looked at what she was pointed at. We could see Coiny and Pin walking down their path. I gasped, now realizing what we were doing. When Coiny and Pin got far enough away so that they couldn't hear us, Leafy told me, "We should watch them, and while we're at it we should make things more romantic!" I looked at her for a moment before responding. "I dunno, Leafy, doesn't that sound a lot like stalking?" I asked. "Pssh, noo. Let's go before we lose them." Leafy said, following where they went. I shrugged and followed her.

When we caught up to Pin and Coiny, we watched them. I looked over at Leafy who was watching them too, obviously. But she also looked like she was thinking, like really hard. "Hmm," Leafy looked around, "Aha!" leafy whisper shouted. I looked at where she looked and saw a little field of flowers surrounded by a bunch of trees. "Follow me." Leafy whispered, then ran towards the flowers, and like what she told me to do, I followed her. "Pick a bunch of these, we can go ahead of Pin and Coiny, climb on one of the trees and throw them down above them!" She started picking the flowers. that idea sounded really romantic! When I started to pick the flowers I saw one that looked just like Flower! "Omg, look Leafy, it's a mini Flower!" I held up the flower. She looked at me weird. "That one is the same size as the other- oh... did you mean *our* Flower?" Leafy facepalmed and laughed. "Huh?" I looked at the other flowers and realized she must've thought that I was saying the flower I was holding was smaller than the others. "Oh!" I laughed, "Yeah, I meant her."
"Okay, okay let's hurry before they get too far." Leafy and I picked more flowers and ran to where we were going to drop them.
"Okay climb up this tree!" Leafy commanded.
I climbed up and Leafy did the same. Pin and Coiny were getting closer. Before we we're about drop the flowers, I decided to keep the

one that looked like our Flower, to give to her later.

LEAFY'S POV

Ruby and I were waiting for Pin and Coiny to get close enough. Finally, when they were in a good spot, we both dropped the flowers. "Huh?" I heard coiny say. "Woah! Look at all the pretty flowers!" Pin said. "Yeah, but where'd they come from?" Coiny looked up, scrwtching the back of his head. I had to go in front of Ruby so she wouldn't be spotted, since she's bright and red. It seemed to work since Coiny looked at the trees suspiciously, but shrugged it off and kept walking with Pin. We both sighed in relief. When they were farther ahead, we started talking.
"Did you see the look they both had on their faces when we dropped the flowers?"
"Yeah it was so cute, and how Pin reacted!"
"This was a great idea!"
We both fangirled for a few more minutes before deciding to catch up to Coiny and Pin again.

When we were caught up, we listened to what they were talking about. "Look, Coiny, I caught one of the flowers that fell from the trees!" Pin said holding out a flower. "Oh cool, I should have grabbed one." Coiny said, looking back from where they came from. "That's okay, you can have mine." Pin handed him the flower. coiny took the flower and said, "Aw, thanks Pin." You better believe Ruby and I had to restrain ourselves from screaming! We went ahead of them to plan what we'd do next.

~~LATER~~

PIN'S POV

Coiny and I have been walking down our path for awhile now, and we have encountered some cute but strange things. It started with the flowers that fell from the trees, to things like rocks gathered around to say, "P + C" with a heart around it. We don't get what P and C were supposed to represent. Was there a couple here that showed up before us that did that? Or did it mean something else? I don't know. But then, we were walking down our path talking about the stuff we encountered before and what it all could mean. Soon, we found a

pretty nice space to take a break, it was empty all around except for the bushes and one log, that we both decided to sit on. "This trip has been kinda strange, doncha think?" Coiny sighed. "Oh, definitely! But honestly the things we encountered were pretty cute, like those flowers!" I say, patting my knees a bit excitedly. "Yeah, I suppose. I wonder if the same things are happening to Ruby and Leafy." Coiny said, looking up at the trees. I looked around the ground, thinking about what the P and C could mean. Maybe it was some kind of hint to something? As I'm thinking, I suddenly notice something. There were heart shaped leaves that were surrounding Coiny and I.

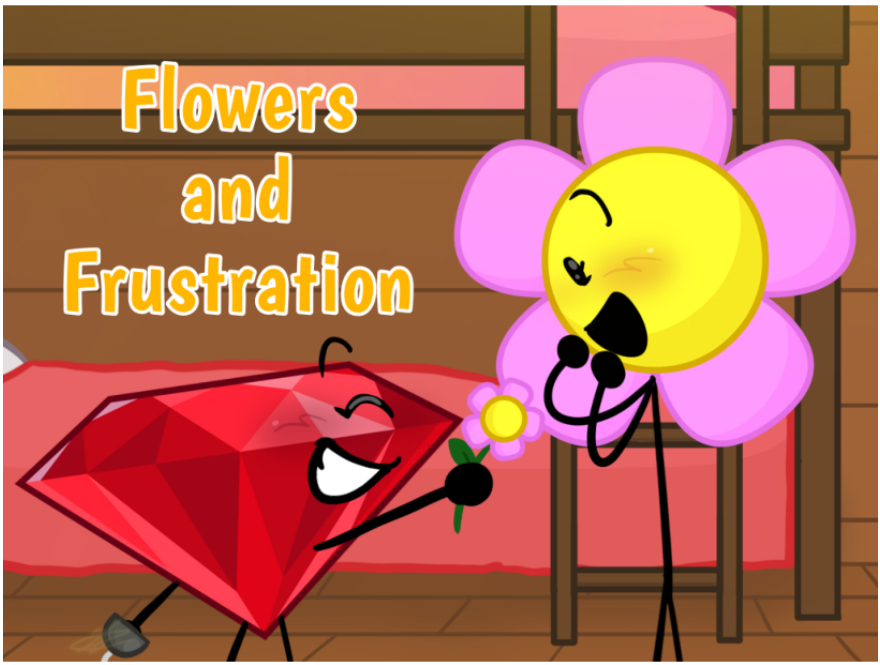
"Hey, Coiny?"
He looked at me with a hum.
"Were those always here?" I point out the surrounding leaves.
"Oh, I don't remember them being here."
"Yeah, me neither."
"Why do you care?"
"Because they look like they're circling us."
He looked all around us.
"Oh, yeah, it does look like that, isn't that funny."
"The fact that every leaf that is surrounding us are shaped like a heart is also pretty funny." I say, and look over at Coiny. He was just looking at the leaves until he noticed me look at him. We stare at each other for a few minutes. Those few minutes almost felt like hours though. This was making me feel weird... but not necessarily in a bad way but...

My train of thought is broken when we hear some love song playing somewhere in the forest around us. It startled us both, so we looked around to see where it was coming from. "Where's that coming from?!" Coiny stood up, alert. "I don't know, but who's playing it?" I also stood now. "Are there other people here?" Coiny asked, in a hushed tone. I shrugged very nervously. "I thought it was only me, you, Ruby, and Leafy!" I say looking around, paranoid. Then I realized. I groan with a face palm. "It *IS* only me, you, Ruby, and Leafy here." I sighed. "but what about the music?" Coiny asked, seeming a bit dumbfounded at my claim. "Hold on, think about it! Leafy and Ruby were super eager to come with us, and they say their reasoning is because they're easy to kill, but then they really want to split up, where it's easier for them to get killed." I explain, "And then

after we split up, we just so happen to encounter things like, the flower tree or the P + C thing? That tree didn't even have flowers on it!" I was putting the pieces together. "I knew there was something up with that tree." Coiny mumbled, putting a finger to his chin in thought. "And I'm positive these leaves weren't here before we sat down, someone had to place them there!" I started to pace around as i spoke, "And P + C! P and C must stand for..." I thought for a second, then gasped, "It stands for us! Pin and Coiny!" I exclaimed, placing my hands on my face in embarrassment, i should've realized it sooner.

"Us? Oh, that makes so much more sense." Coiny made an unimpressed look at the revelation. "This music cant just come out of nowhere either, it must mean..." I walk over to where the music sounded like it was coming from, then when I felt like I was close enough, I stuck my arm through the bush, grabbing whatever was behind there. I pulled it up to reveal... "Leafy?!" Coiny growled, while walking up to the bush we were at. The music suddenly stopped. "Hehe...Hi guys." Leafy nervously laughed. "Is Ruby there too?" I asked, letting go of Leafy and crossing my arms. "Uh, yeah." Leafy said, and pulled her out of the bush. "Hey, just cus you got caught didn't mean I had to!"

Flowers and Frustration



PIN'S POV

"What are you guys doing?!" I screamed, a bit louder than what I meant. The two flinched. "Well.. We wanted to make your walk a little more...romantic." Leafy admitted with a nervous laugh. Both Coiny and I blushed and yelled, "Why?!" at the same time. We looked at eachother after we jinxed but then immediately looked back at Ruby and Leafy. "Well, you two are so cute together and-"
Ruby was cut off by Coiny.
"You know what? Forget it, how about we just go back to the boat?"
I nodded in agreement. "Yeah, there's probably nothing important on this island." The two troublemakers gasped. "What? No!" Leafy protested. "Yes, Leafy, I don't feel like being on this island anymore, I'm hungry anyway." Coiny replied and started walking back. "You know what," Ruby spoke up, "I'm pretty hungry too, plus now I can give Flower this flower!" She pulled out a flower which looked just like our Flower. Then, she hopped out of the bush and ran after Coiny. Leafy awkwardly came out of the bush and followed the other two, then I followed too.

I glared at Leafy the whole walk back. What's with her and doing these stupid things? I really hope there was nothing good on this island we could've got. After Ruby and Coiny walked onto the boat, and before we could, I pulled Leafy to the side and decided to talk with her.
"What's up with you?" I ask her angrily.
"Huh?"
"First, you get Coiny sucked up into Yoyleland, then you knock over yoyle berries onto Snowball-"
"Those were both by accident!" Leafy interrupted.
"THEN, you climb up the mast and get killed." I continue.
Leafy looked at the floor and mumbled, "It was a dare."
"And then you and Ruby make an excuse to walk with us, only to stalk us and make our walk 'more romantic'?"
I take a breath before finishing, "Leafy, what the heck?!"

LEAFY'S POV

I look back up at Pin, whom was looking down at me angrily. I didn't really know what to say. "Pin, I'm sorry I didn't mean to-" She raises up a hand, stopping me mid sentence. "No, Leafy, maybe you didn't

mean the first three, but you did mean the last one." She places her hands on her sides. "You need to watch what you do before you make everyone upset." I step closer to her. "You didn't even let me finish! I didn't mean to be such a nuisance, I swear! I was just having fun." I tell her. I should have chose a different way to say it though, because Pin gave me a disgusted look. "So, sending Coiny to Yoyleland is fun? Knocking over yoyle berries is fun? Getting killed by a fish by being stupid is fun?" Pin stepped closer to me with each sentence, her anger clearly rising as I step back. "What I'm hearing is that you think getting people upset is fun! We must have different perspectives on what fun is, then." She finally turned to walk away. "Wait, what?!" I reach out to her, "Pin, that's not what I meant!" She turned back to me. "Then what did you mean?!"

"I..." I was about to answer, but the shame started to set in. I didn't realize it but, I guess what Pin said was true. During all the events that she listed, *someone* got upset. "That's what I thought." Then, Needle poked her head over the side of the ship we were at, looking down at us and saying, "Hey, are you guys gonna come on the ship or...?" Pin sighed angrily in response. "Yeah, in a second." she told her. "Um, okay, but don't take too long, SB is starting to get irritated." Needle told us before disappearing. Pin looked back at me, her expression softening slightly. "Just get back onto the boat, and no more 'accidents' okay?" I nodded sadly and walked onto the boat with pin following behind. After we were on, I went down into the girls bedroom to lay down.

FLOWER'S POV

I was on my bed. For awhile I've been in here sewing a cute heart onto my eyepatch because I was bored of watching the boat or whatever we were doing, and my eyepatch just needed a cute upgrade! Then suddenly, Leafy walks into the room. I glance down at her from my top bunk.
"Oh, you guys are back?" I ask, still sewing.
She sighed and laid on her bed. "Yeah."
"Did you guys find anything cool?"
"No, I convinced Ruby to help me do something dumb, and now we had to come back." She replied.
I set my stuff down in front of me. "What?" I reply, before Ruby walks

into the room. "Hi Leafy, hi Flower!" Ruby greeted us, "I was going to come in here sooner, but Coiny talked with me, and then Pin talked with me. It was too many talks." Ruby laughed, shaking her head. "Why were they talking to you?" I ask her. She looks up at me. "Oh, me and Leafy did something kinda dumb while out there. Coiny talked to me about not doing that kind of stuff anymore, and then Pin was asking me why I did it." Ruby replied nonchalantly. I got down from my bunk to face her. I was about to ask what they did, but then Ruby spoke, "Oh, and also, I got something for you while we were out there!" I gasped as Ruby reached behind her. "Really? What is it?" I was happy and surprised, I wasn't expecting a gift! But I mean, who WOULDN'T want to give my beautiful self a gift?

As if from out of nowhere, Ruby pulled out a little flower that looked just like me! I looked at it in awe. "Oh my gardener!" I took the flower from her hand and held it. "Thank you, Ruby!" Even though I've seen plenty of flowers that have looked like me before, I still loved that she was thinking of me! "Hmm," I thought, "I need a flower pot to keep this in!" I stated, looking around the room to see if there happened to be one around. There was not. Before Leafy spoke up, "Oh, I have one, actually." She sat up as I looked at her. "Wait you do? why??" I question. "I didn't know what stuff I needed while on a pirate ship, so I just kinda took a bunch of my stuff with me." Leafy explained as she pulled her bag out from under her bed, opened it, and handed me a flower pot. "Well, thanks." I say as Leafy closed her bag and put it back under the bed. "Yeah." Leafy simply replied, and laid back down. I have a feeling that she's upset. "Okay, but like, you need dirt." Ruby pointed out. "You're right, Ruby! Did we leave yet?" I ran out the room before she could even respond. At the top of the stairs, I look around and see we didn't go anywhere yet, but I saw Coiny telling Snowball to pull up the anchor.

"Wait!"

COINY'S POV

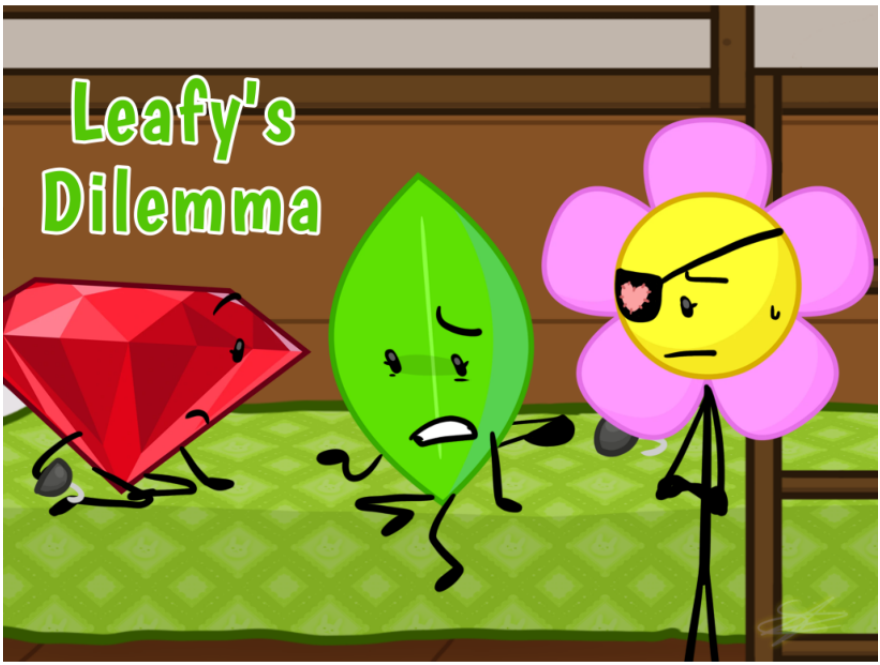
SB and I exchanged looks for a second as we watched Flower jump off the side of the ship onto the island. I run over to the edge of the ship that Flower jumped off at. "Flower?! What are you doing?!" Pin yelled, as she quickly ran down the stairs of the helm, now standing next to me. we looked over the side of the ship and saw Flower

scooping a bunch of dirt into what I think is a flower pot. After she scooped a bit of dirt, she made a surprised face and dug a bit more. Pin put out the gangplank and walked down to where Flower was at. "What the heck are you doing?" She asked, slightly more irritated. But then, her expression changed and she gasped. I got curious, so I went down there too. "Coiny!" Pin said as she saw me, pointing down at the hole in the ground, "Look what Flower found!" I took a look and saw Flower pull out a big silver looking heart, it looked a bit damaged though. "What is that?" I ask reaching for it. "I don't know, I just found it while filling my pot up with dirt." She replied, handing me the heart. This thing was pretty heavy, I had to hold it with both hands. "So, there was treasure right here all along?" Pin stated, looking down at the hole that the heart was in with a raised eyebrow. "I guess so, Pin. Well, at least we found *something* on this island!" I say optimistically, walking back onto the ship with the silver heart in hand. Not soon after, Flower and Pin came back onto the boat too. "Where should we keep it?" I ask, turning to them. "Oh, hm..." Pin thought for a bit as she brought up the gangplank, "There is this one spot on the boat where we could put our treasure." Pin responded, now walking towards a trap door in the floor, just next to the mast. She opened it up and it showed a big empty compartment.

"Yeah, that'd be good." I nodded, watching as Pin climbed down the trap door's ladder. "Coiny!" She yelled from the compartment that'll be holding our treasure. I guess I should call it our treasure compartment. "Yeah?" I poked my head over the opening. "Toss the heart down here, I'll catch it!" Pin told me, holding out her arms. It wasn't that far down, but who knows how fragile this thing is. "Are you sure, Pin? What if you miss and it breaks?" I ask. "It won't, I won't let it! Plus you probably can't climb down with it, so just toss it!" Pin once again held her arms out, ready to catch the heart. "Well, okay then." I hope it doesn't break, its already a little cracked. I toss the heart down and she catches it. She nearly dropped it, which scared me, but she kept hold of it. I let out a relieved sigh. "See, it's all fine!" Pin said and set it down on the floor gently. She then, climbed back up and closed the trap door. "I wish we found that to begin with, so we wouldn't have had to go through that crap in the woods." Pin grumbled, a little annoyed. "Yeah, I know." I nod, also annoyed. "Well, we should start setting sail now." Pin stated, walking back up to the helm again.

I give a look to Snowball that meant it was okay from him to pull up the anchor now. He seemed to understand, and pulled it back up. I then, followed where Pin went, and pulled out the map. I pointed to the second smallest island on the map and said, "This is where we're going next." Pin looked at it and nodded, "Okay, but Ruby and Leafy are staying on the boat this time." I hummed in agreement as we started sailing off again.

Leafy's Dilemma



FLOWER'S POV

Ruby and I were on my bed just talking to each other. I was showing off my improved eyepatch, now that I have finished sewing on a heart to it. Ruby seemed to love it, wishing she could have one. Despite focusing on our friendly conversation, I would ever so often look at Leafy. I was getting tired of seeing her all mopey. She even had her pirate gear off.

"Leafy, what's got you all upset? You're usually the happy one." I ask. Leafy didn't respond right away. I was about to ask again, but Leafy finally answered with, "Since when did you care?" Hm. I decided to climb down from my bunk and sit across from her, on Pin's bed. "Since now, so fess up." I crossed my arms, studying her expression. She glanced at me, then sat up. Ruby seemed to have climbed down too, and sat next to me on Pin's bed.

"Well, uh, I've been having a lot of thoughts lately, not just because Pin got mad at me, but what she said really made me think about..everything." Leafy admitted, looking at the wall rather than either of us. Ruby chimed in, leaning forward as she asked, "like what? what's everything?" I look at her. "Oh no, are we therapists now?" I spoke out loud, instead of in my head. Leafy flinched when I said that. "Uh, you don't have to listen to my problems," Leafy rubbed her arm as she talked, "I'm sorta used to keeping them to myself, anyway." Ruby waved her hands in front of herself. "No, no! It's okay, leafy," She exclaimed, "If Flower doesn't wanna listen, that's her problem, but I'm all up for listening!" Ruby got up and sat next to Leafy.

Honestly, I felt sort of bad for what I said. I don't usually feel bad. This is weird. "No, it's uh- it's okay, s-sorry?" I apologized, hoping that was enough to get Leafy to talk about whatever it is that was bothering her. She widened her eyes, shocked that I apologized. Which, made me feel a little awkward but whatever. "It's.. It's okay, I guess." Leafy replied, rubbing the back of her head. I moved over next to Leafy, just like Ruby. "So, Leafy.. What's this 'everything' that you're thinking about?" Ruby questioned.

Leafy looked down at her hands, fidgeting with her fingers. "Well, it's... everything. Since the last episode of BFDI I have been having

problems." Leafy explained. "Oh, like when you hid in Yoyleland during BFDIA and everyone was scared of you?" Ruby asked, inquisitively. Leafy nodded sadly. I wasn't really there during BFDIA, so I didn't really know what happened. It made it harder to help. "Well, it's okay now, right? Everyone pretty much forgave you." I said, trying to put more effort in the conversation. Leafy turned to me. "But did they?! What if they all still secretly hate me!?" She started, "I've done so many bad things, I'm sure no one actually forgave me!"

LEAFY'S POV

Flower furrowed her brows at me. "Well, I forgive you! If I can do that, so can everyone else!" Flower exclaimed at me, crossing her arms as she continued, "If they don't, then they obviously aren't worth you time!" I stared at her in disbelief. Flower is really being a good... friend? Are me and Flower friends??
"Wow, uh, thanks Flower." Is all I could say. "Yeah, yeah, don't mention it." Flower waved her hand at me, looking away. Ruby turned to her with a bright smile. "Dang, Flower, that was some good comforting!" She said, patting her on the back. "Um, thanks," Flower responded sheepishly, "It's my first time, so don't expect much."

I really appreciated that. Flower's first time comforting someone, and it happened to be me? I couldn't help myself, and hugged her. She didn't seem to know how to react. "That really helped, actually," I undo the embrace, smiling at her as I continue, "I feel a bit better, and you are right!" She looked caught off guard by my statement, but regained her composure quickly. "O- Of course I'm right, I'm always right!" She said, trying to keep her ego going. Ruby and I exchanged glances before laughing. "Hey, what's so funny?!" Flower stood up, defensively. We laughed a little more. "Nothing, you're just.." I struggled to find the right word. "It's sweet that you're trying!" Ruby finished for me. Flower's face turned red, from embarrassment I'm assuming. Then, she angrily yelled, "I'm trying my best, okay? You don't have to like it! Bye!" Flower stormed out of the room, slamming the door behind her. Ruby and I roared with laughter. Ruby had to force herself to calm down. "Okay, but I feel bad, I should go check on her. You okay now?" Ruby asked me. I nodded with a smile, wiping a tear away from all the laughing.

After Ruby left the room, I stayed sat in my bed, thinking to myself. Maybe I should talk to Pin? But what if she doesn't want to talk with me? Should I talk to Coiny instead? Would he even want to talk? Maybe I could make a gift as an apology? But what would I even make? Maybe I should keep my mind off them for a bit.

While I thought, Needle walked into the room. She looked over to me, noticing my conflicted face. "Hey, what's up?" She asked, her expression sympathetic. I stood up and put my pirate stuff back on like nothing was wrong. "Eh, nothing just thinking." I replied truthfully. "Okay, just came in to check in, since I saw Flower storm out of here." Needle explained, pointing in the direction Flower left. I chuckle, remembering why she got mad. "Yeah, everything's fine."

There was an awkward silence after that. I decided to break it. "I'm kinda bored, though. Is there anything you wanna do?" I ask Needle. She merely shrugged. "we could play a game, I guess?" She suggested. I didn't see any harm in that. "What game?" I asked. "Well, definitely not tag, or Truth or Dare..." She placed a finger to her chin as she thought. I snapped as I thought of something, "How about Tic-Tac-Toe?" She shrugged again. "Sure, why not." I took out my bag from under my bed, and took out two pieces of chalk. "We can play with this!"

COINY'S POV

Pin and I have been chatting for a bit while on our way to the next island. Honestly, I've been a bit worried for Leafy, since she seemed pretty upset earlier. As if on cue, I notice her and Needle walk from the stairs, and she looked pretty cheerful. I wonder what's up with that? Pin also noticed and asked, "What's in Leafy's hand?" I looked again and noticed she was holding two pieces of something in her hand. The two sat down near the mast, and Leafy gave Needle one of whatever she was holding. Leafy then proceeded to draw a Tic-Tac-Toe board with what she had and that's when we realized what they were doing. "Oh, that's chalk." I point out. Pin nodded, adding onto my sentence, "And they're playing Tic-Tac-Toe."

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It has been maybe half an hour now, and I was starting to get pretty

bored. "Hey Pin, I'ma check out how things are going down there." I tell her. she only nodded and replied with, "Okay." Then, I headed down the helm's stairs and towards the mast where Leafy and Needle were. As I walked up to them, I could see they were still playing Tic-Tac-Toe. Firey looked to be also watching them. I guess he had nothing better to do.

"Hey, what's going on?" I asked, watching as Needle and Leafy go back in forth with their turns, tying nearly every round. Needle glanced up at me while Leafy took her turn. "Leafy and I are playing Tic-Tac-Toe. Isn't it obvious?" Needle responded simply. When it was her turn again, Needle finally broke the tie and won the current round. "Ha," Needle laughed, "I win!" Leafy gave out an annoyed sigh and replied, "Oh well." Then, she turned to me, "Actually, Coiny can I talk to you?" She asked, standing up. "Uh, sure." I replied. "Okay," Leafy looked at Firey, "Firey, replace me for a bit." She said before pulled me aside.

"Hey, Coiny, I just needed to say something." Leafy told me. "Okay? What is it?" I asked, curiously. "I really am sorry," She started, "About what Ruby and I did, I mean. I really didn't mean to cause any drama, or whatever happened." She apologized, anxiously rubbing the back of her head. I didn't really know how to respond. Honestly, I wasn't even *that* upset about it anymore. It was still really weird though. "Um," I tried to gather my thoughts, "I mean it's okay, I forgive you, but that really upset Pin, so don't do it again." Leafy nodded, a small smile plastered on her face.

"Does Pin know you're sorry?" I asked her. She simply shrugged and looked down before speaking, "Me and her sorta got into a fight, I said that I was sorry, but I don't think she accepted it." She explained. I glanced over at Pin, then put my attention back on Leafy. "I can try to explain to her that you're truly sorry about that whole thing, but no promises that she'll accept." I suggested. Leafy smiled and hugged me. "Oh, thank you Coiny! That means a lot." I just patted her back supportively. Then, she pulled away, rubbing her arm. "I really hope she accepts my apology." She said. "We'll see," I started, "For now though, you can go get back to your game." Then, I started to walk away. I could see that she walked back to her game with a big grin.

When I stood next to Pin again, she asked, "What was that all about?"

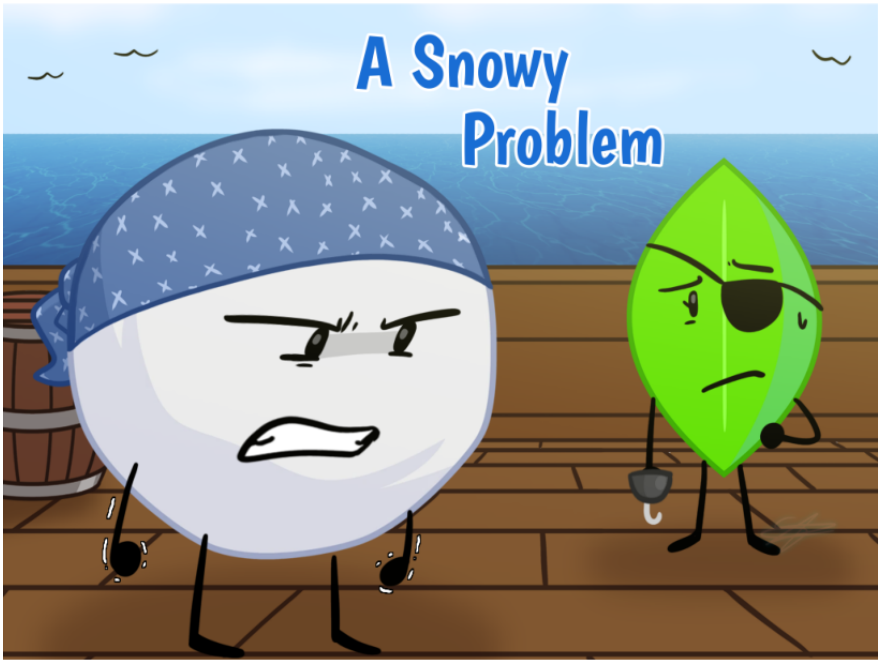
I was confused for a second, but quickly realized what she meant. "Leafy and I talking? Well, she told me that she truly felt sorry about what happened earlier. I accepted her apology and now she's happy." I told her. "Oh," Pin looked at Leafy, "Alright." Her voice sounded flat. I looked at Leafy too, I could see her having a tiny fight with Firey about whose turn it was to play against Needle. It was kind of amusing, but I had to stay serious and do as I promised.

PIN'S POV

"She also wanted me tell you that she feels really bad, and really wants you to accept her apology." Coiny mentioned. I looked over at him. "What? She already told me that." I told him, annoyance obvious in my voice. "Yeah Pin, but," Coiny sighed and leaned against the railing before he continued, "You never accepted her apology. I'm certain she didn't mean to upset us. I think you should forgive her." He said, looking out at the sea, almost as if to avoid seeing my reaction. I huffed before speaking, "Leafy has been making so many mistakes now, she has to start learning that-" Coiny cut me off, "Pin, everyone makes mistakes, some more than others!" He placed his hand on my shoulder, looking me in the eyes. "Remember in BFDI when you weren't very nice to others? You were pretty bad back then, but now you're nice! At least more than you used to be," He brought up, "And even me, in BFDI the viewers knew me nothing more than as one of the slappers, not many liked me that much." I notice him glare down at Firey. "Not sure why people liked Firey more than me, though." He mumbled. He shook his head before looking back at me, lifting up his eye patch. "And look at me now! I try to help others, and I give people chances, maybe you should too." Coiny handed me his map. "I'm taking a break for a bit," He walked over to the stairs, "Please think about forgiving Leafy." He said, then walked away.

As I watched Coiny walk up to the others, I thought about what he said. I didn't realize how horrible I was acting about this small thing. But it really did upset me. I don't want to forgive Leafy yet, but now I'm feeling bad for it. Maybe I'll have to think about it a little more.

A Snowy Problem



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PIN'S POV

It's been awhile since Coiny's break started, I wonder when he'll come back to read the map. I have also been thinking a lot about whether I should forgive Leafy or not. She has done an awful lot of awful things but, I suppose Coiny is right about forgiving and forgetting.

"Hey Leafy!" I shouted. She turned from what she was doing to look at me. "Can you come up here?" She gasped and hurried up the stairs. "What is it?" She asked nervously, but with a hint of excitement. As if she was expecting something. "After what Coiny told me earlier, I have been thinking, and I-" I stopped talking. "...You what..?" Leafy asked, on the edge of her nonexistent seat. "Holy cow, is that the next island?!" I said pointing in front of us. Everyone looked and as we got closer the island got bigger. "Uh, yeah, I-I guess it is, but Pin what were you saying?" Leafy asked, somewhat desperately.

We were close enough to the island. "Snowball! Drop-" But before I could finish my sentence he said, "Yeah yeah, I know, 'drop the anchor,' I got it." And so he dropped the anchor off the side of the boat. We came to a slow stop. "Uh, Pin?" Leafy waved her hand, trying to get my attention. "Hold on." I said, as I started to walk down the stairs. Leafy followed me anxiously. I stood in front of where we would get off as the others gathered around, Coiny walking next to me. "So we're at our next island, huh?" He asked, to which, I nodded. "Okay, we need a new group to come with us and to stay and watch the boat," I stated. "Leafy and Ruby will obviously stay, and uhh," I look between the group. "I say that Needle and Firey can come with us this time, which leaves Snowball and Flower to once again stay to watch the boat with Leafy and Ruby." Snowball didn't seem pretty pleased with my arrangement, and neither did Flower.

COINY'S POV

"Hey! How come I can't go too?! I don't want to stay here again!" Snowball shouted at Pin. Flower stomped up beside him. "Yeah! That's no fair! We aren't your little— boat sitters! You know that right?!" She protested. I could feel Pin's nervousness. "W-Well, I feel like four of us should leave and four of us should stay each time, and

since I'm the captain I should leave each time."

"But Coiny doesn't need to."

We all turn back to Snowball. "Why should he get to go again?" Yeesh, but I mean, he *is* right... Pin stared at snowball for a second, then said, "I.. I guess you're right." She turned to me, a saddened look in her eye. "So, um.. Coiny, you stay here and uh," She looked between Flower and Snowball. "Flower you come with us." Flower jumped with joy, shouting a loud, "Yes!!" While Snowball just looked offended. "What? Why her?!"

"I don't know I just chose randomly!" Pin defended herself. I walked away from Pin and next to Snowball. "Chill, dude, you'll go next time." I told him. Snowball scoffed and crossed his arms, muttering the words, "*I AM chill."* to himself before storming off to our bedroom. So that was it. Pin, Flower, Needle, and Firey proceeded to walk off the boat. "Wait, Pin! Aren't you gonna finish what you were saying before?" Leafy asked, running up to the edge of the ship. "Later, Leafy." Pin waved her off before walking away.

I watched them all walk off until I couldn't see them anymore. Afterwards, I sighed and walked over to where Leafy and Ruby were. They seemed to be having a conversation, Leafy obviously being distressed. "Hey, Leafy, what were you and Pin talking about?" I interrupted. She looked at me. "I... don't know? She— she asked me to come up there but she never finished what she was saying!" Leafy explained. "Yeah, and me and Leafy are talking about what Pin might have been thinking!" Ruby said. "I'm scared that Pin might not forgive me, why else would she be avoiding finishing her sentence?" Leafy said, shaking from pure nervousness.
"Woah, It's okay, leafy," I reassured her, "I'm sure Pin forgives you! She was probably just excited about finding another island."
"Yeah...maybe.. but it worries me..."

NEEDLE'S POV

Pin, Firey, Flower and I were walking down the path already made on this island. The scenery here is nice. This island is just so full of trees and flora! Saw a few squirrels running around too. Cute. Almost feels like we're just walking through a forest. Not a big fan of all the

acorns all over the ground though, I keep tripping on them. I look over at the others, Flower and Firey seem to be enjoying it around here. Pin on the other hand though, seems a little upset. Maybe I should talk to her.

I walked up next to Pin. "I hope I'm not bothering you, but is something wrong?" I asked. She looked over at me for a second but then looked in front of us again. "Uh, no I'm okay, just thinking about something."
"Aaaand what's it you're thinking about, Pin?"
"It's nothing important, it doesn't matter."
"Looks like it matters to you since you seemed at least *mildly* upset by it."
"Why do you care?!" She started to raise her voice.
I did the same. "Because you're my friend! I see you're upset and I want to know what's wrong, so I can help!"
"Well, nothing's wrong! If I'm upset it's because you're making me!"

Before I could say anything back, we hear a scream, specifically a certain petaled friend's scream. We turn around and look at Flower. "What happened?!" yelled Firey, whom started to wave his sword around wildly, in an attempt to hit whatever the problem was. "The.. The... The thing!" She stuttered. "Huh? Flower, what thing?" Pin walked up to her. "That thing! In the tree!" Flower pointed. We looked at the tree she was pointing at, then we realized what she was talking about.
"A...squirrel? That's what made you scream?" I asked. Squirrels aren't scary, they're cute! I don't see what the big problem is. "Yes! It's beady little eyes are staring right at me, its creepy!" Flower whined. "It's just a squirrel, calm down! We need to start moving again." Pin said, a bit of annoyance in her voice, possibly left over from the argument we were having a second ago. Just then, the squirrel climbed down onto a branch, right in front of Flower's face. So she, once again, screamed. The squirrel jumped and retreated back into the tree. "Okay, the squirrel is gone now, can we go?" Pin asked. Flower hesitantly replied with, "Yeah.." and we started to go down the path again.

PIN'S POV

I was hoping that Needle forgot about our little conversation a few

minutes ago, because of the squirrel thing, but she did not. She proceeded to catch up to me and walk by my side again. "Okay, Pin, you're gonna tell me what's up now, right?" She asked. "The sky." I responded, sarcastically. "You know what I meant." She said sternly, crossing her arms. I decided it was finally time to give it a rest, why am I making a big deal out of this? She's just trying to be a good friend. "Okay fine, Needle, but its nothing serious. I honestly find it kinda stupid." She looked at me intently. Before I speak, I look behind us to make sure the others aren't listening, which they aren't. They're more focused on the scenery around us. I sigh and rub the back of my head before I speak. "I'm kinda sad...ish over the fact that, uh, Coiny isn't out here with us." Needle just stared at me for a second, then made a little gasp. "Do you..*like* him?"

"What?! No! Shush! No, no, no, it's just— He's my best friend and it'd be nice to have him here." Seeing by the look on Needle's face, I could tell she didn't believe me, *EVEN THOUGH IT'S TRUE!* "Well... Why didn't you just let him come with us?" She asked. "Because Snowball said Coiny shouldn't come every time." I responded. "So? You're the captain, you don't have to listen to him." She said, raising an eyebrow and placing her hands on her sides. I sighed. "I know, but.. he had a point. Coiny doesn't exactly have a reason to come with us every time, so why should he?"

BACK ON THE SHIP, LEAFY'S POV

Coiny, Ruby, and I were sitting on the floor on the main deck, just talking for awhile, waiting for the others to return. "I'm boooored!" Ruby whined, laying back dramatically. "Yeah, me too. I wonder when they're coming back." I replied. "We weren't gone this long were we? They've gotta be like, dead by now." Ruby put an arm over her face, before suddenly gasping and sitting up, "Maybe we should leave and check on them!" She exclaimed. "Ruby, they've only been gone for 30 minutes." I stated, before looking down at the floor and tracing around the wood patterns with my finger, "But I do hope they return soon, I really want to know what pin was going to tell me."

We sat in silence for awhile before I looked over at Coiny, noticing how quiet he has been. "Hey, Coiny?" I tried to get his attention, but got no reaction. "Coiny?" I poked him, which finally made him look at me. "Oh, sorry, were you talking to me?" He asked. "Yeah, you

alright? you seem a little down." I questioned. "Oh, uh, I, um.." he stammered, "I'm fine, just, uh, bored I guess." He looked around for a moment, before standing up. "I'm going to go check on Snowball, he seemed pretty upset." Then, he walked away.

COINY'S POV

As I walk towards the room, I mentally slap myself for acting so awkward. I don't know why not joining today's adventure bothered me so much... but whatever I didn't need to focus on that right now. I knock on the door in front of me a little lightly. "Hey, Snowball, it's me, Coiny! I'm coming in!" I open the door and walk in, closing it behind me. I didn't see him right away, so I figured he was lying in his bed on the top bunk, probably brooding or something. I decided to sit on the bunk just below his. "Hey, dude, I know it sucks not being able to go on the adventure this time, or the time before, but I promise you next time you'll come along!" I waited for Snowball to respond, but I was met with silence. Huh, must be ignoring me. Didn't realize he was that upset. "You don't have to give me the silent treatment, y'know? We're buddies! We can talk to each other!" Again, silence. I rolled my eyes before laying back.

"Okay, I get it, you don't have to say anything." I put my arms behind myself for comfort, "I don't think you care, but I'm pretty bummed too, about not going along this time." I studied the way the bottom of the bunk above me looked as I spoke, "I know I went last time so it's fair that I have to stay this time, but... I don't know... there's more to it. I just don't know what it is." I close my eyes now, basically just speaking my thoughts at this point. "I dunno, maybe it's the fact being able to explore with friends is fun, while hanging out here, seems like nobody knows what to do. It got boring real quick out there with the other two." I let out a small laugh. "Maybe Pin and I should've brought a board game or two while we were out in Yoyle City."

Suddenly, I felt a breeze in the room, which chilled me a bit. I opened my eyes and sat up, noticing that the window at the end of the room was open. "Ah," I stand up and walk over to the window, picking over a knocked down chair in the process. Must've fallen over because of the waves. Or from Snowball's anger, because now that I notice, a lot of things seem knocked over in this spot. I wonder how

none of us heard all this stuff fall? Whatever, I shrug it off and continue towards the window. "Hope you don't mind, but I'm gonna close the..." My sentence trails off as I notice that there was something all over the bottom of the window ledge, and a bit on the table right in front. As I inspected it closer, I quickly realized that it was—

"Snow...?"

30 MINUTES EARLIER, SNOWBALL'S POV

I slammed the door behind me as I entered the room. I storm around in circles as I rant to myself over this STUPID situation. "They get to go have ALLLL the fun, finding ALLLL the treasure and whatnot, while I have to stay on this stupid hunk of junk pirate ship again?!" I kick over a chair that was standing in my way. "I'm the strongest, they should want me for protection! Or to carry their dumb treasure!" I was getting angrier and angrier by the second. So angry, that I punch the closest thing near me, which was a coat hanger. The hanger fell over, knocking over a wall decoration that rolled onto a table, hitting the window above it and falling over.

The window.

Perfect!

"If those fools aren't going to let me join them, then I'll just go on my own adventure! As my OWN captain!" I go over to the window and open it. The window seems to be just barely big enough to fit me through it. I look out, the room is on the side of the ship facing the ocean rather than the island. That makes things harder. Looking around some more though, made me realize there's a small ledge just under the window leading all the way around the ship. There's another one just like it above the window as well. If I hold on to that while standing on the one below, I should be able to make my way around the ship, and onto the island! HA! BRILLIANT! And others say I'm not smart...

I climb up onto the table and out the window, gripping onto the small ledge above as I place my feet on the ledge below. Being careful not the fall into the water. This was hard considering my

roundness, but I made it work. It was a slow path, which was annoying, but it did the job and I made it to the side of the ship where I can jump onto the island. So that's just what I did. I look back at the ship one last time with a smirk before heading off. "That'll show these idiots that I'm meant for more than guard duty."

PRESENT TIME, LEAFY'S POV

"SNOWBALL'S MISSING!" Coiny shouted, bursting out of the boy's sleeping quarters. Ruby and I stand up quickly. "Wait WHATTT??" Ruby yells back. "What do you mean Snowball's missing?! Weren't you with him?!" I questioned. Coiny ran over to us as he answered,

"I-I thought I was! I thought he was in his bed or something, he sleeps top bunk! But no, he wasn't, I realized he escaped out a window!"

"And you didn't think to check if he was up there when you entered the room??"

"I didn't have any reason to assume he wasn't?! I was talking to him and everything! I didn't notice he was gone until I saw a bunch of his snow on the windowsill!"

Ruby butted in, "So, you were talking to yourself?" She giggled.

Coiny sighed, putting his hands on his face stressfully. "Don't worry about that part! Worry about the part where *SNOWBALL IS GONE!"*

He paced back in forth in a panic. "We need to find him before Pin and the others come back! I don't want her- er, them knowing I let this happen!" I raise an eyebrow. "Hey, we're all in this together, why are you acting like it's all your fault? if he goes missing then we'll all take the blame!" I smile at him in reassurance. "You DO NOT speak for me." replied Ruby, whom got a glare from me in response. "Okay, enough nonsense guys! If we're all in this together then we need ideas on how to get him back!" Coiny commanded. Ruby perked up. "Looks like we're gonna have to go look for him!" I shook my head. Leaving would just make Pin mad, and I already want to avoid that. "No, hang on, what if he fell into the water?" I questioned, "Then he'd melt! We should try and recover him!" Coiny nodded. "Good idea, Leafy!" I smiled as Coiny ran over to the Hand-Powered Recovery

Center. He typed in Snowball's name and tried to crank it, but there was an error message saying that he wasn't dead.

Coiny groaned, throwing his hands onto his sides. "Well that idea was a bust." I frowned. "I'm telling you! We should go out and look for him!" Ruby spoke up, "We can find him and come back! We get to explore around like we deserve and the others don't even have to know!" She was all up in Coiny's face at this point, practically jumping up and down in excitement. "C'mon, c'mon, c'mon, is it a great idea or what?!" Coiny scooted back, scratching the back of his head in thought. "I guess we don't have any other choice..."

RUBY'S POV

"YIPPEEEE!" I flew in the air, happy as can be!!! Meanwhile, Leafy looked concerned. "I don't know guys, if Pin and the others see us, we could get in trouble. I'm already in enough of that." She looked down at the floor, rubbing her arm nervously. "Yeah, but I don't want to get in trouble for letting Snowball just run loose!" Leafy raised a brow at that. "Coiny, I don't understand why you're acting like you have all this responsibility? No specific one of us is in charge right now." She stepped forward. "Chances are, Pin and the others will run into Snowball and he can get into trouble on his own. The blame shouldn't be on us." Coiny glanced around nervously before responding. "Yeah, but... I don't want Snowball getting in trouble either. He has already been held off on 2 adventures, I'd like for him to be allowed to properly join the next one." He grabbed the gangplank and set it down so that we're able to get off the ship. "If you want to stay, go ahead, but I'm going." Coiny stated before looking over at me, to see if I was coming. "Yeah, me too!" I run over next to him. Leafy looked conflicted, but just admitted defeat. "Fine. Go then, I'll just watch the ship all by myself." She sat on the floor.

Oh no. I'm starting to feel bad, I hate when that happens. I look over to Coiny to see how he felt, but he seemed to already start walking off the ship. "Hurry Ruby, we gotta go, we don't know how far ahead Snowball is!" I take a few steps forward but stop again, looking between him and Leafy. "Uh, Ruby? What's the hold up?" Coiny asked, now at the bottom of the plank. I groan and step back onto the ship. "Ugh, I change my mind. I'll stay with Leafy." This decision caused confused looks from both Coiny and Leafy. "What? But this

was your idea!" Coiny yelled. "Yeah, I know." I started, "But she had a point. She's not the only one in trouble, y'know? If the others catch us then it could cost us the next adventure! I don't know if I could handle that." I laughed, a bit nervously. "Plus, I just didn't want to leave her alone." I wasn't looking at her, but i could feel Leafy's gratitude from across the deck. It made me feel warm. Like i was doing the right thing. Weird, I don't feel that very often when with Pencil or Match.

COINY'S POV

Huh. Y'know, I feel like I should be upset that I'm being left alone, but I admire the morality. "Well, alright then, that's fine. This is probably a situation that should be dealt with just me anyway. I can talk him into coming back easier, Bro to bro." I step off the gangplank, and onto the island. I look up at Ruby and now Leafy, who stood beside her. "Have fun you two, if I'm not back by time the others are, uhh... stall for me." I say, receiving a thumbs up from both crew mates.

This is fine. Should be able to find him and avoid the others, easy peasy! The island isn't that big right? I finally turn around and take a proper look at the island.

Oh Man. It is that big.

Welp. Better get going then.

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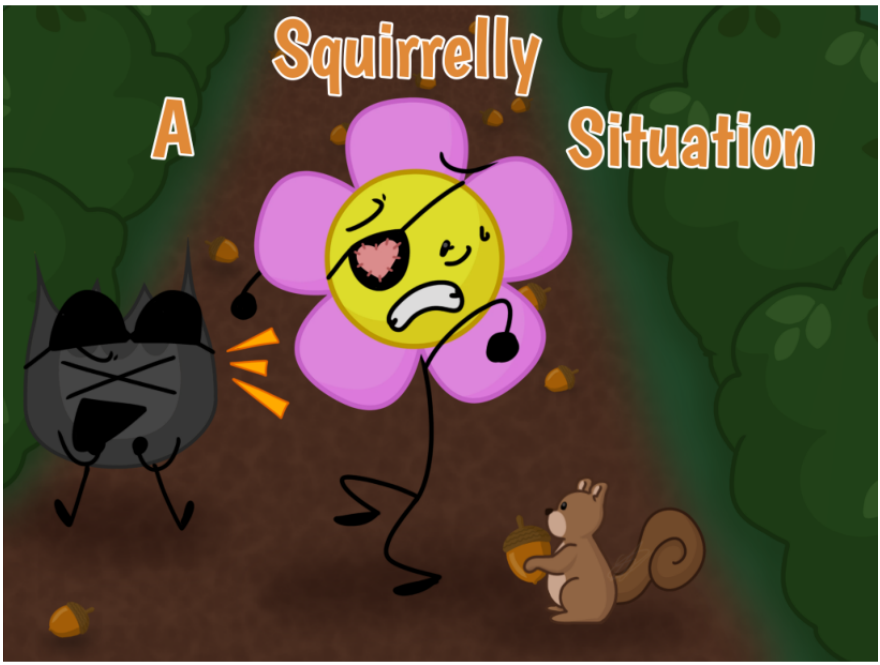
Anyways... does this mean that I'll do more frequent updates? I don't know. If I'm Being honest, probably not. I still don't use Wattpad as often anymore. But since this chapter is left off on a cliffhanger I'll def try to get another chapter out soon. I've got a lot going on in my life though, so don't be surprised if it still takes awhile. I'm also not as into the osc as I was when i first created this fanfic. I'm still part of it, but it's not the thing I'm most focused on right now. So all i ask is to be patient, you waited 4 years for this chapter, what's another 4 more right? LOL I'm so funny . But yeah I wouldn't call this fic discontinued, at least not right now.

But really, thank you for reading this. I know it's not the best written thing. (WHY DID I NEVER USE CAPITALS.) I was 14 when i first started this fic, if that helps defend my case a bit. I might go back in earlier chapters and edit stuff, fix grammar and punctuation. maybe rewrite some scenes, I don't know. Chances are I'll just focus more on fixing the way it looks rather than the way it's written. I'll let you know if I change anything. ***(I did. go reread if you haven't!)***

I'll also seek to redoing the chapter thumbnails AGAIN. (some of which I never even got to the first time I was redoing them) I'll be keeping the cover image though, I still think it's cute. But for right now, bye! Thanks again for reading, and I'll see you again hopefully soon! <3//

A Squirrelly Situation



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COINY'S POV

I've been walking through this forest for some time now, still no sign of Snowball. No sign of Pin and the others either, which is good. Or is it? Maybe knowing where Pin and the others are would make it easier to avoid her— them. Whatever, I gotta deal with the situation as it is. I just wish there were some sort of clues left behind by SB that could help me figure out where he could have gone.

As if the heavens heard my call, I notice some snow on the ground. Perfect! I kneel down towards it to make sure I'm right, and I was! It was next to a very tall tree, leading off the trail into its own man made path. SB must've went that way. As I'm assessing the situation, I suddenly get bonked on the head by something small.
"Ow!"
I stand up again, rubbing the spot I was hit. I look up to see some squirrels on a large branch above where I'm standing. There's about 2 or 3 of them there, and they're all holding acorns. When they notice me look at them, they all scattered higher up the tree. They managed to drop some acorns in their hurry. One of their acorns must've been what had hit me a moment ago. I simply just laugh at the silly situation, before finally heading down the path to find Snowball.

This path that Snowball decided to head down sucked. There were acorns all over the ground, making it hard to walk. There were also tons of bushes making it hard to push through. How Snowball got through this is beyond me. Suddenly, I hear that familiar raspy voice.

"Hey, back off! This is mine!"

Snowball! Finally I found him! Following where I heard his voice come from, I push through a final bush to an open area. There was a great big, and I mean BIG tree in the middle of this area. I could see Snowball standing right in front of it. He was holding something. Something shiny. It didn't seem like the squirrels liked that he had it though, as they were climbing all over him in an attempt to take it from him. I decided to finally make myself known.

"Snowball, What are you doing?" I yelled out. I was getting ready to

scold him for running off. He looked over at me, holding whatever golden shiny thing he had in the air. "Coiny!" He shouted, "Take this!" He threw the thing at me. I wasn't ready for that, but I managed to barely catch it. Now that I was holding it, I could see what it was. It looked like... a golden acorn? A pretty big one at that.

Suddenly, the squirrels that were on Snowball jumped off and headed towards me. I shrieked and ran away, still holding the acorn in my hand. I could only run in circles around the big tree, as every other spot is too filled with bushes. If I tried going that way, I'd surely get caught by the squirrels. Snowball backed up as he watched me run for my life. "Snowball, what is this thing?!" I shouted, breathily. "Treasure!" He responded. From what I could see while running past him, he seemed pretty proud of himself. "Yeah, well, I don't think these squirrels-" I gasp before I continue , "-appreciate us having it!" I was starting to run out of stamina. "Yeah, whatever, just toss it back." Snowball held his hands out, and I threw the acorn back to him. After catching it, he immediately ran off through the woods. I flopped on the ground to catch my breath as the squirrels chased after him. I knew I'd have to help him, but I needed a second.

A second ended up being around 10 minutes. I could finally stand again. Now, I went in the same direction I saw Snowball go. But really, with those squirrels chasing him, he could've ended up going anywhere in this forest. I was a bit worried he'd run into Pin.

PIN'S POV

It has been around half an hour now. My group continue down our path. I feel like we aren't doing this right. We don't even know what it is we're looking for, what do we do if there isn't anything here? I thought this while we were on the last island too. I wish Coiny were here, he'd probably know what to do. Needle stood by my side in his place. We have been walking in silence for a little while since our last conversation. The only sounds being heard are the chatter of Firey and Flower behind us, and the occasional crunching of leaves as we walked.

Leaves.

Right, Leafy. I should probably think about what I'm gonna say to her

when we get back. I feel a little bad for how I left her hanging earlier. I just got too excited about the new island. I sigh and rub my hands over my face, which Needle seemed to notice.

"You okay, Pin?"
I look over at her. I'm a bit annoyed that we're doing this again, but she'll just keep pestering me if I don't answer.
"I'm fine, just thinking." Is all I replied with.
"About Coiny?" She asked, a cheeky grin on her face.
"No," I answered quickly. "Leafy."
She seemed slightly surprised. "What about her?"
"She apologized for her actions on the last island, and I'm unsure if I should accept it," I began, "or, well, I was going to accept it a little bit ago before we left, but... really, I don't think I want to. At least, not yet." I look at Needle to see her reaction. She didn't really show much, just listening with a stoic expression. I continue, "I only really considered apologizing because Coiny said I should."

Needle finally chimed in, placing a hand on my shoulder, "Pin, you don't have to do anything you don't want to. Must I really bring up again that you are the captain? You don't have to listen to anyone but yourself." I cross my arms, holding them tightly. "I know, but it's hard. I want to be a good captain, and maybe that just means I shouldn't be holding any grudges against my crew." I regarded softly.

Needle shook her head. "What Leafy did was messed up, Ruby too. I don't blame you for not wanting to forgive them right away." She stopped us from walking and turned myself to her. "What I would suggest is maybe set a boundary with her. Now, what that boundary is, is up to you, but hopefully something that will make the conflict less... conflicty." She suggested. I thought about it for a moment before nodding. "That sounds like a good idea. Thank you, Needle." I responded, smiling for the first time in hours. She smiled back and lightly punched my shoulder. "Anything for a friend."

"Hey, why we stopping?" Firey spoke up behind us. "Did we find something? I hope so, my feet hurt." Flower complained. I laugh before speaking, "No, sorry guys, let's keep on." I could hear Flower groan as we continued walking again.

FLOWER'S POV

I feel so paranoid. Everywhere I look I swear I see those nasty tree animals. 'Squirrels,' I think they're called? I don't know, but I hate them. It doesn't help that their stupid acorns are all over the ground too. It causes them to show up on the path all the time. This must be some sort of... squirrel island! Maybe I should've let Snowball come with Pin instead of me....

Another squirrel passed by my feet to grab an acorn, causing me to jump right into Firey. "C'mon, Flower, would you quit that!" He yelled as he shoved me over. "Well, I'm sorry if I don't want to be mauled!" I huffed, collecting myself after the shove. He rolled his eyes before responding, "Stop being ridiculous, no squirrel is going to maul you." I furrow my brow. What does he know!? I decided not to respond, I'm not going to waste my breath on him.

Another squirrel passed by. Firey stopped walking. "Ahhh! Oohhh!" Firey shouted in mock fear, "Help me, I'm being mauled!" Pin and Needle turned to look at him with confusion for a moment, but ultimately ignored his antics. Meanwhile, I glared. "You're not funny." I growled. "I thought it was pretty funny." He chuckled, catching back up to us. "I don't," I replied, looking out at the trees. "It's a very real fear to have."

I suddenly hear him gasp and yelp behind me. Really? Mocking me again? "Shut up, Firey, I'm not falling for whatever trick you're trying to pull." I say, refusing to look at him. A moment passes and he doesn't respond. I finally look behind me and see that he's not there. I look around, I don't see him anywhere. "Firey, that's not funny, come out!" I shout. No response. Okay this was freaking me out. If Firey is just messing with me, I'm gonna kill him.

"P-Pin.. Needle," I stammer trying to get their attention, "I think something happened to..." I trail off as I turn to where Pin and Needle should be, but noticing that they're gone too. Dread sinks into my stomach. "Guys?!" I yell out, hoping someone would hear me. I run forward down the path, maybe they just got ahead while I was worried about Firey. "Pin, Needle?!" I shout out. "...Firey?!"

I got no response out of anyone. I slow down to catch my breath. Where did they go..? Suddenly, I hear some rustling behind me. Before I could even turn around, I get attacked.

LEAFY'S POV

Ruby and I hung out on the helm of the ship as we waited for Coiny to come back with Snowball. I was looking off at the forest as Ruby played around with the steering wheel. "Look, Leafy, I'm Pin! Arrrgh, I'm so serious, bleh bleh bleh!" Ruby joked. I looked at her, unimpressed. "Ruby, that's not cool. You shouldn't make fun of her." I say. She turned to me before replying, "It's true though, she's so serious!" I sigh heavily and walk up to Ruby, taking her hands off the wheel. "She's the captain, she kinda has to be. I don't think we should make fun of her for that." Ruby just kinda rolled her eyes at that, crossing her arms, too. I push on despite her clear disinterest in what I'm saying. "Have you even apologized to her for our actions on the other island?" I ask. Ruby hums as she tries to remember. I sigh, "You didn't, did you?" She shakes her head. I place my face in my not-hooked hand. I can't believe this.

"Ruby," I start, "you should apologize. Not just to Pin, but Coiny too. That's what *I* did." She gave me a look. "Yeah, but what if they don't accept it? I always find it easier to just ignore the problem until it's gone." She replied nonchalantly. I gave her a look of sheer bewilderment. I swear, I've heard Ruby apologize for things before. "Coiny would probably forgive you, he did for me!" I tell her. "But not Pin?" She inquired, raising a brow. I hesitated to answer, resulting in Ruby giving me a knowing look and turning to play with the wheel again. I place my hand on her shoulder, my voice a bit desperate as I speak again, "W-well... she might! She was going to tell me *something* earlier, I have a feeling it's her accepting my apology." I tried to look confident as I said that, but I don't think Ruby believed it. "I dunno, I already told them both I wouldn't do it again. That's, like, the same thing as apologizing, right?" Ruby asked, glancing up at me. I sigh before responding, "No, not really." She simply shrugged. "To each their own, I say." She replied, resulting in a groan from me. I don't think there's any getting through to her.

RUBY'S POV

As I pretend to be Pin again, out of nowhere, I feel something small hit the back of my head.

"Owie!"

I look down and see an acorn. WOWWW... I can't believe Leafy would do that! I huff as I pick it up and turn back to her. "You can't just throw stuff at me just cus we disagree!" I exclaim before throwing it back at her, hitting her face. "Hey! I didn't do it!" She defended angrily. "Well, if not you, then who?!" I shout with hands on my sides. Before Leafy could respond, I watch as another acorn is thrown at her head. "Wait, what?" We said in unison. We looked in the direction that the acorn came from. There was a cute little squirrel on the helm with us! I could feel my eyes grow three sizes.

"AWWWW!" I run next to it and pick it up. "Oh my gemstone, Leafy, please say we can keep it!" I ask, holding the lil guy close. Leafy walks up a bit hesitantly. "I don't know if that's a good idea." She said. Then, another acorn hit her in the back. "Hey, what?" She turned around. Another squirrel! "Okay, what's going on..?" Leafy says out loud. I don't know what her problem is, I'm loving this!

Or, Well, I did until that squirrel shrieked super loudly. At the sound of that, I dropped the squirrel in my hand to cover my ears. I watched as it ran away and we could feel the entire ship shaking. Before we even knew what was happening, we were bombarded with tons and tons of acorns! Each one hurt as it hit us. We both screamed as we ran down the helm's stairs onto the main deck. We tried hiding in the captain's room, just below the helm. I don't think I've been in here yet, only Coiny and Pin have. Hehehe...

Anyway, Leafy and I hold down the door as we hear acorns rain all over the ship. She turns to me, her eyes wide with fear and confusion.
"What is happening?!"
"I don't know!"
"WHAT DO WE DO?!"
"I DON'T KNOW!!"

COINY'S POV

I wandered for a bit. I kept a look out not only for Snowball, but for Pin and the others too. I'm honestly lost at this point and running into them is extremely possible. When I get to an especially bushy part of the forest, I end up tripping over some acorns on the ground, falling with a thud. Looking up from my spot on the ground, I notice Snowball again, further ahead. I couldn't see him very well due to the

bushes in my way, but I could hear him, too, so it was definitely him. I was going to get up and go after him but then I hear some other voices.

It was definitely the others.

Shoot! I didn't get him in time... I crawl a little further up to get a better look, and that's when I realized... Everyone was tied up! Pin, Firey, Needle, and Flower. Now, Snowball was being tied too. The squirrels were tying them all to trees with thick vines. All of their swords were on the ground, far from their reach.

Once they were done tying SB, they gather in a circle. I watch as the squirrels chitter with each other. I have no clue what it is they could be saying, but it didn't seem good. Looking at the scene, I notice that the golden acorn is gone. Snowball doesn't have it, and neither do any of the squirrels. I wonder what happened to it? Whatever, I've seen enough. I should head back to the ship and get Ruby and Leafy's help saving the others. I stand up, ready to head back, but that's when I remember: I have no idea where we are in this forest. Shoot again! Being lost is not helpful. I crouch back to the ground, thinking about what I could do.

I couldn't help but glance at Pin. She seemed so worried. Not as worried as Flower looks, but I digress. I should try and untie her. Then we can both untie the others. Yep. Solid plan. I slowly and quietly make my way over to the tree Pin was tied to. It was hard to be quiet with leaves all over the ground but I made it work. The squirrels weren't paying attention to her so I took this as my chance.

PIN'S POV

I struggled against the vines holding me hostage against the tree. What did we ever do to these squirrels?!

"Hey, Pin." I suddenly heard a voice whisper behind me.
A voice I recognized immediately.
"Coiny?" I whispered back in surprise. I tried to turn to look at him but it was hard because of how I was restrained. "Don't worry, I'm untying you." He said. I could feel the vines loosening around me. I was glad, but nervous. "What about the squirrels?" I ask, my voice

hardly above a whisper at this point. "I have a plan." He responded with a wink.

Oh.

Before I knew it, the vines were finally undone, allowing me to move again. The squirrels still haven't seemed to notice yet, occupied by whatever squirrelly conversation they were having with each other. I run up to Coiny behind the tree and hug him tightly.

When I let go, he stumbled back a bit. He looked at me with a sheepish smile. "Uh, heh, you're welcome." He rubbed the back of his head. I laugh quietly before speaking, "Sorry, just glad to see you. What's your plan?" His face turned more serious now. "We both untie the others." He replied.

I waited for him to continue, but was met with silence. "Is.. that it?" I question, disappointment clear in my voice. "Uh," He looked embarrassed. "yeah, pretty much." I shook my head with a sigh. "That's a good start but that can't be the whole plan. What would we do after that? It's not like the squirrels are just gonna let us walk off!" I hushedly exclaimed. Coiny just shrugged with an exasperated expression. I run a hand over my face. This is a mess.

I pull him a bit closer, my grip tight on his arm. "Okay, how about this," I explain. "we head back to the ship, get Leafy and Ruby, grab some weapons, and form a rescue plan as a group?" Coiny nods, his expression thoughtful. "Smart, let's do that." He responds. "Lead the way, Captain."

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just doesn't work like that and I don't want to push myself to constantly work on something that I'm not passionate about. I'll get stuff out when I get stuff out, but for now, I'll repeat, this fic is still ***NOT*** discontinued. Also, I'm sorry for another cliffhanger. It might just be my only way of getting myself to work on it, even if slowly. So, please, just bear with me.//